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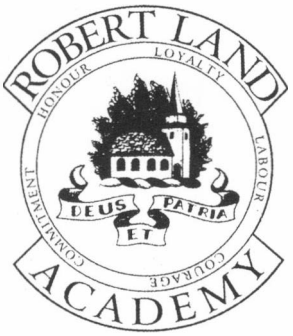

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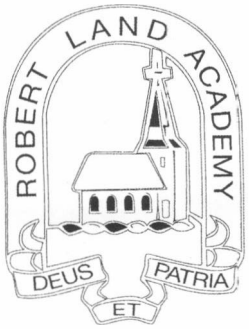

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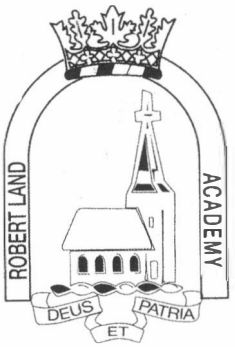

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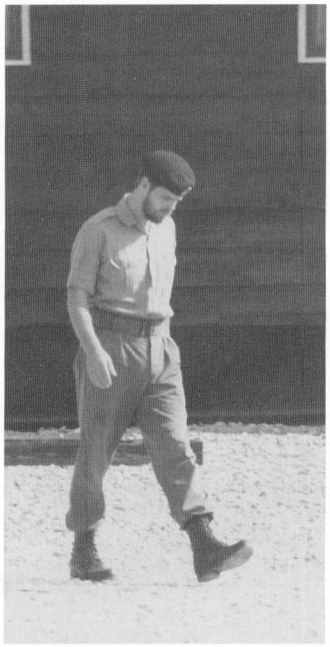
Silver Anniversary

The aim of the Academy is to realize the potential of each student by providing a highly structured, motivational and disciplined learning and living environment designed to meet each boy's individual needs academically, physically and emotionally.

Lieutenant Colonel (Hon) S. Bowman BA, KH, CD, UE is a direct descendant of the famous United Empire Loyalist Robert Land, who was among the first settlers in the Niagara/Hamilton Region.

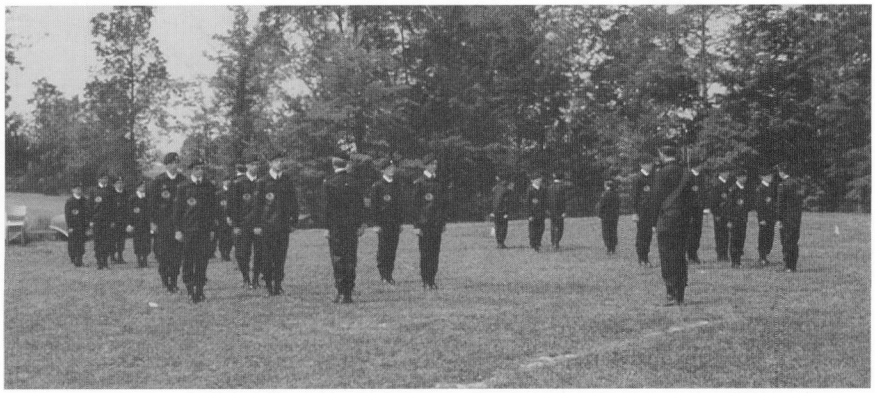


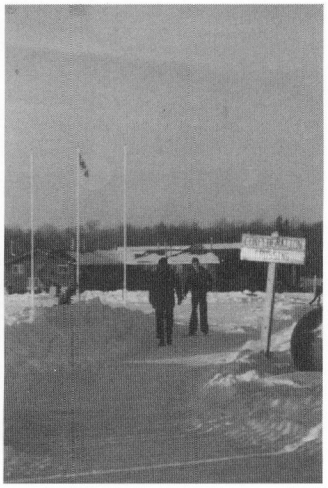
Air Deployment

In 1980, Capt. Bowman prepares to receive several helicopters from the United States National Guard for some at home introductory training.

"Atten-tion"

The "Original 28" students formed up on the first parade square which is the now honoured grounds in front of Landholme Hall.





Winter descends on Academy grounds. The sign in the foreground reads "Confederation Crossing".

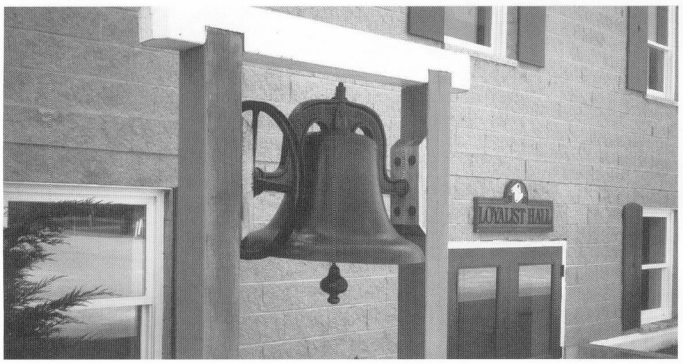
Graduation in 1979

Capt. Bowman offers his praise to a cadet on graduation. A grassy field for the parade square and wooden chairs for the spectators, but pride for all who attended.

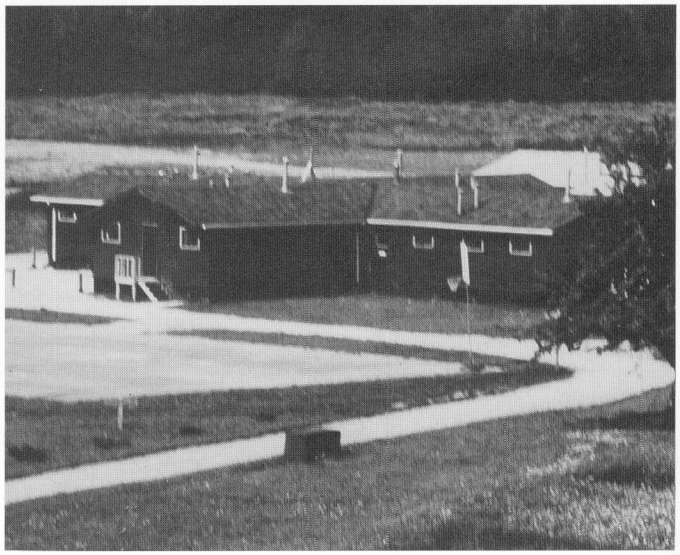
FROM THE PAST!
Could it be? Is that the legendary Robert Land visiting one of his ancestors?

An appointment of a senior cadet by the Headmaster in the old Mess Hall.

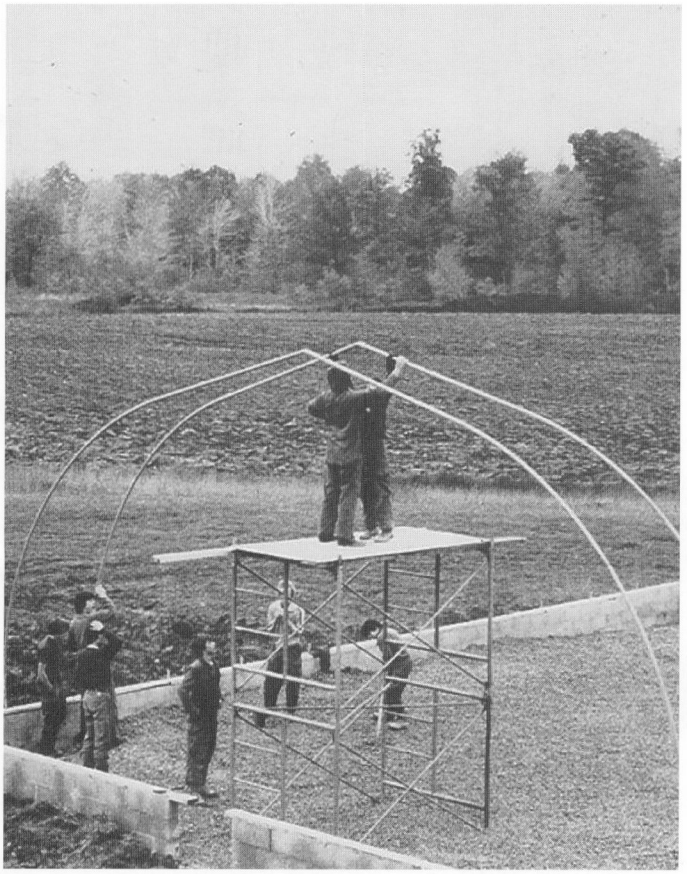
"TIMINGS"
The ringing of the bell signals the changing of classes and activities. Capt. Bowman stands with Mr. Godden and Mr. Cruttwell.



THE BELL
The ringing of the bell still signals the changing of classes. It now stands in a different position and is painted.



"THE ORIGINAL"
In the beginning, there stood a single barracks. Today, there stands four barracks to house the three companies.

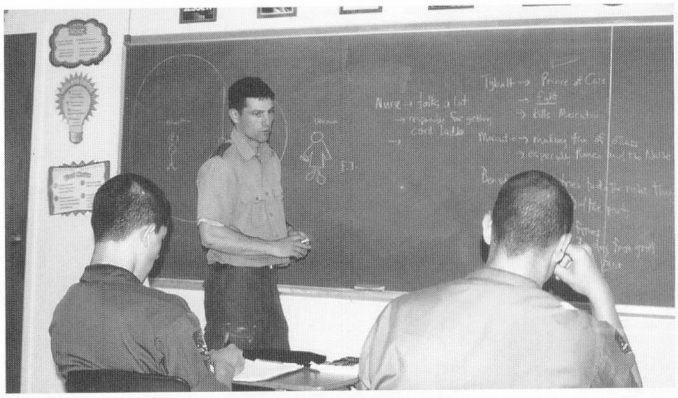


THE GREENHOUSE
Construction of the Greenhouse in 1979. Notice the plowed fields in the background, they are now sports fields.

Sun rise ceremony in front of the original barracks.

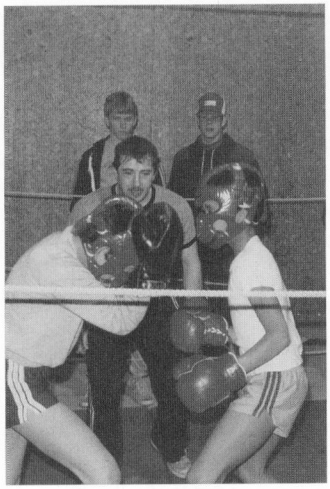
Capt. Bowman poses for a staff picture with the academy staff in 1979-1980.

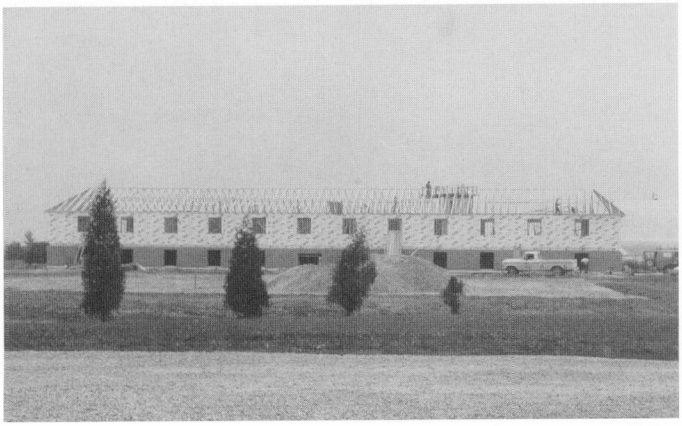
LCol. Fraser Eadie, DSO addresses the student body in the mid-1980's.



Lt. B. Simmons giving an English lesson to his senior class. Most lessons are conducted in Loyalist Hall. Below are photos of the construction of this academic building.

In 1981-1982, the boxing club practiced in the gym. This building is now home for the tractor and academy maintenance department.



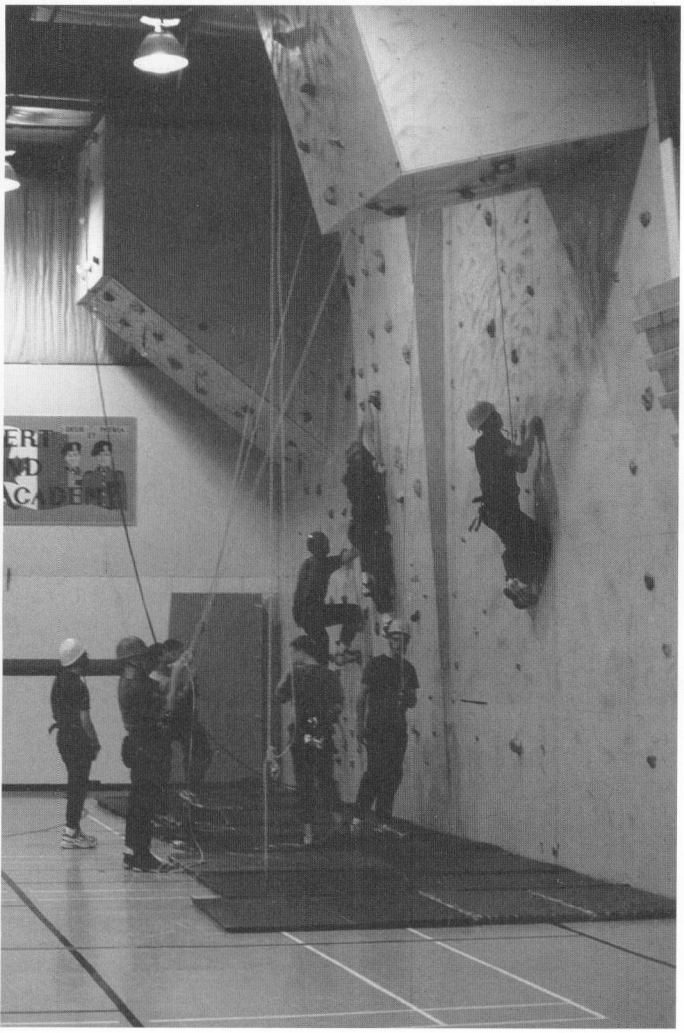


In 1983 the side view skeleton of Loyalist Hall. Note the construction of McCrea Square. The Parade Square was built at the same time.

From 1979 to 1988, the academy had a complete wood working shop where students could develop their basic wood working skills.

Father Son Day where all took part in the building of various projects.

After all the hard work, the fathers challenged their sons to a game of baseball.



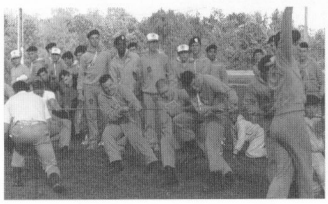
Ivey Hall is the centre for all sporting activities at the academy. Unique to the academy is our challenging rock climbing wall.

Construction of Ivey Hall in 1986.

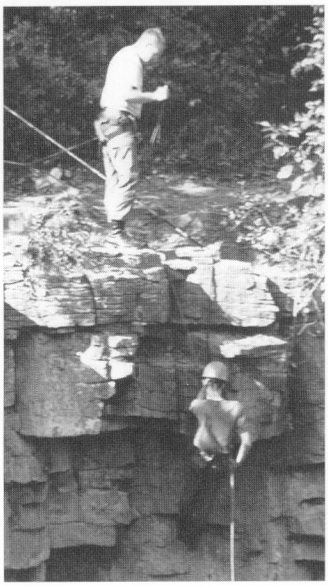
HOME AWAY FROM HOME! Fitzgibbon Hall is the barracks for the senior students of the academy. Once a farm house down the road, it now stands as the social centre for the senior boys.

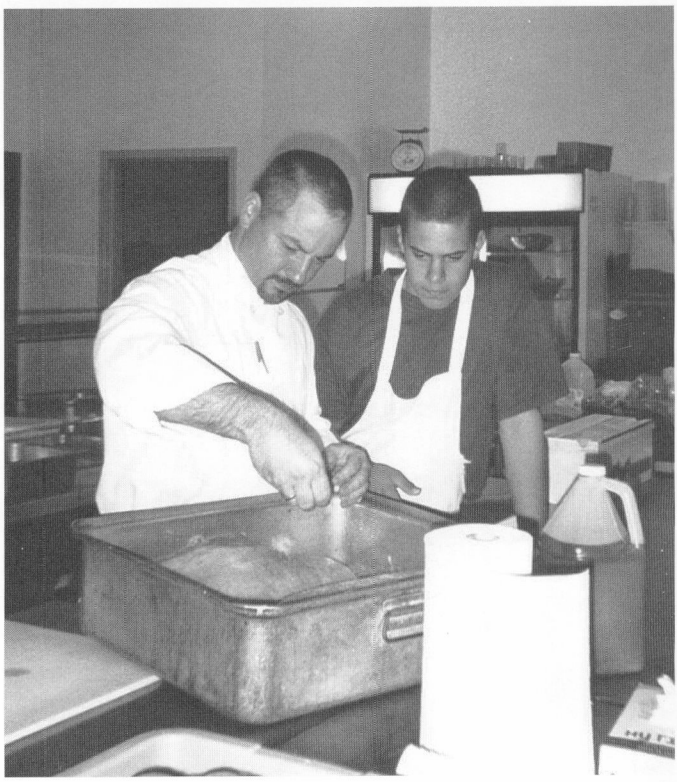
In 2000 a select group of students had the opportunity to visit the speaker of the house in the House of Parliament in Ottawa.

The earth ball, and tug-o-war were two popular games played by the students in the past.

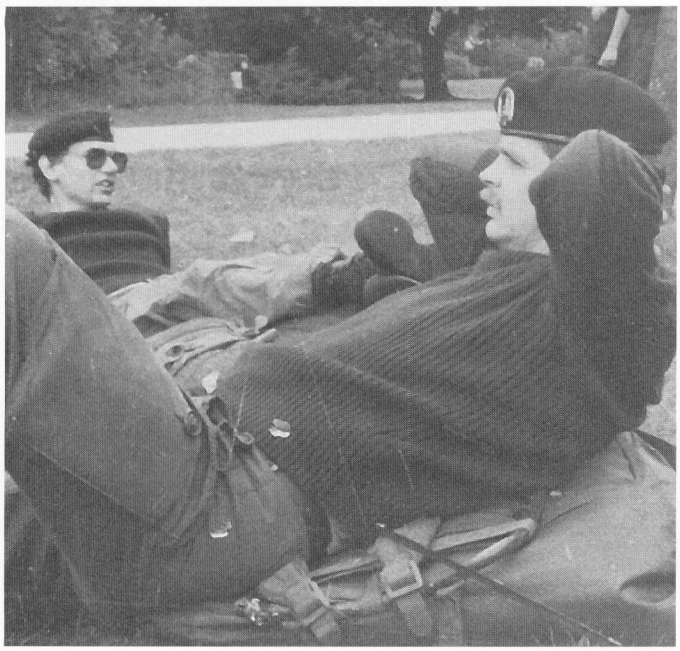


Rock climbing, rappelling, and canoeing are the more popular sports of the students today. Activities for the Bounder Coy are unlimited.



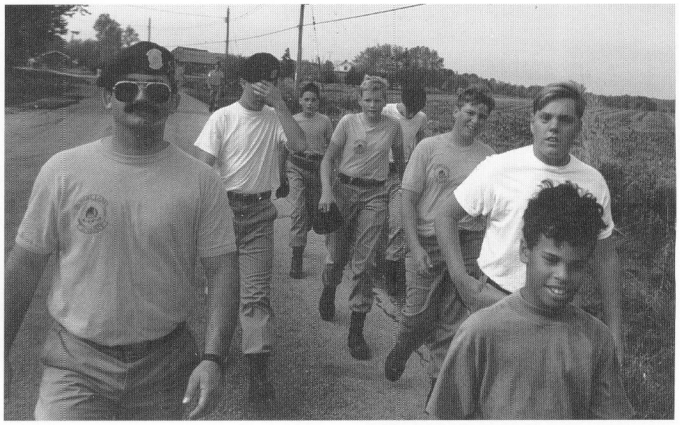


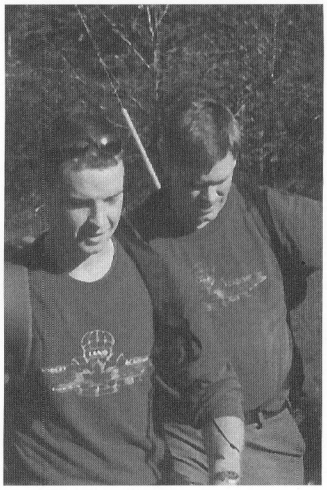
Chef B. Ness knows all to well both sides of the academy, having been both student and staff. He is outstanding in his duties as chef but not so sure when he was a student.



Capt. Bowman and Mr. Godden the 1st Dean of Studies taking a break and resting the feet during the Fall Ex in 1983.

Lt. Erola and his section on the trail of the Fall Ex in 1988.





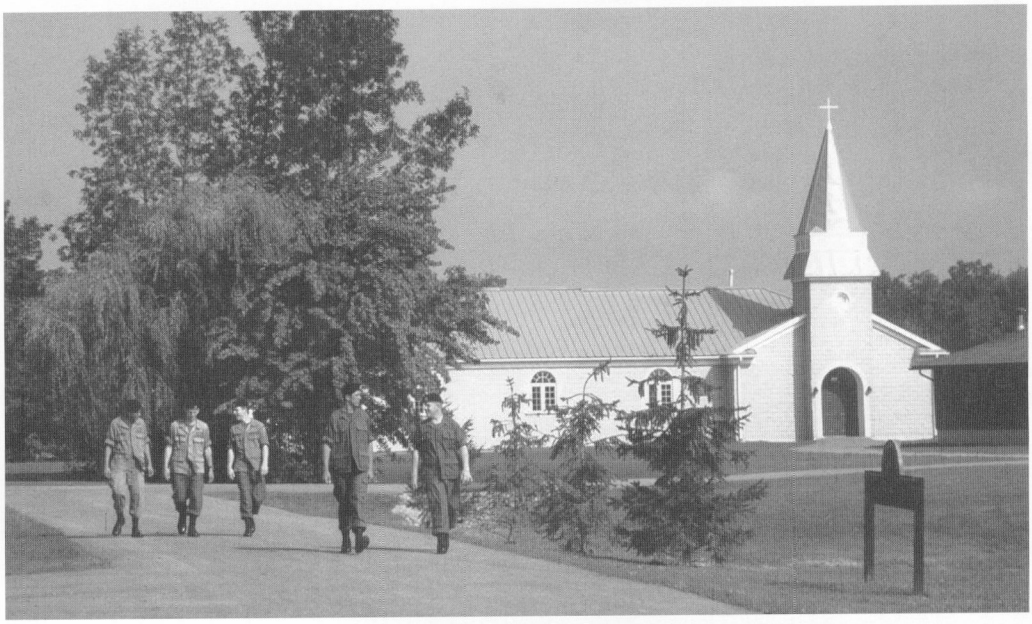
Fall Ex Parade

At. Brock's Monument on Queenston Heights, the academy is formed up for the Promotion Parade of the 2001 Fall Ex.

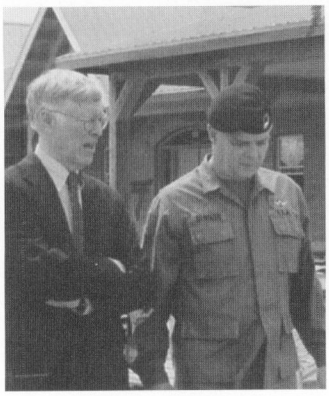
CSM Bowman and CSM Bradley of Alpha Company discuss the morning's activities while on a break during the 2003 Fall Ex.

HONOUR
Sgt. M. Al Braik commands the Honour Guard for the opening of Ritchie Hall in May of 2004.

Landholme Hall is more than a mess hall, it is the centre for socializing and celebrating all that is good.



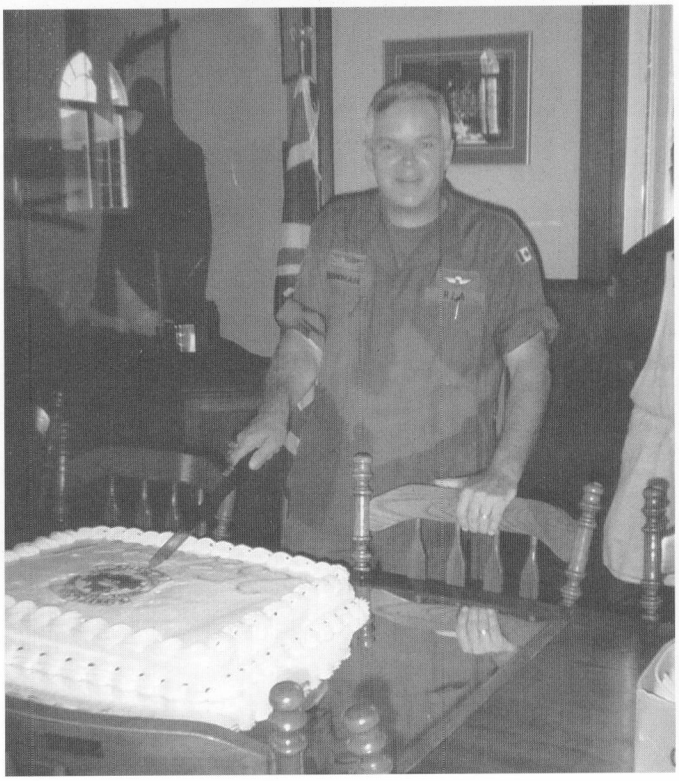
LCol. Bowman and Dr. Sorley touring the new administration building.

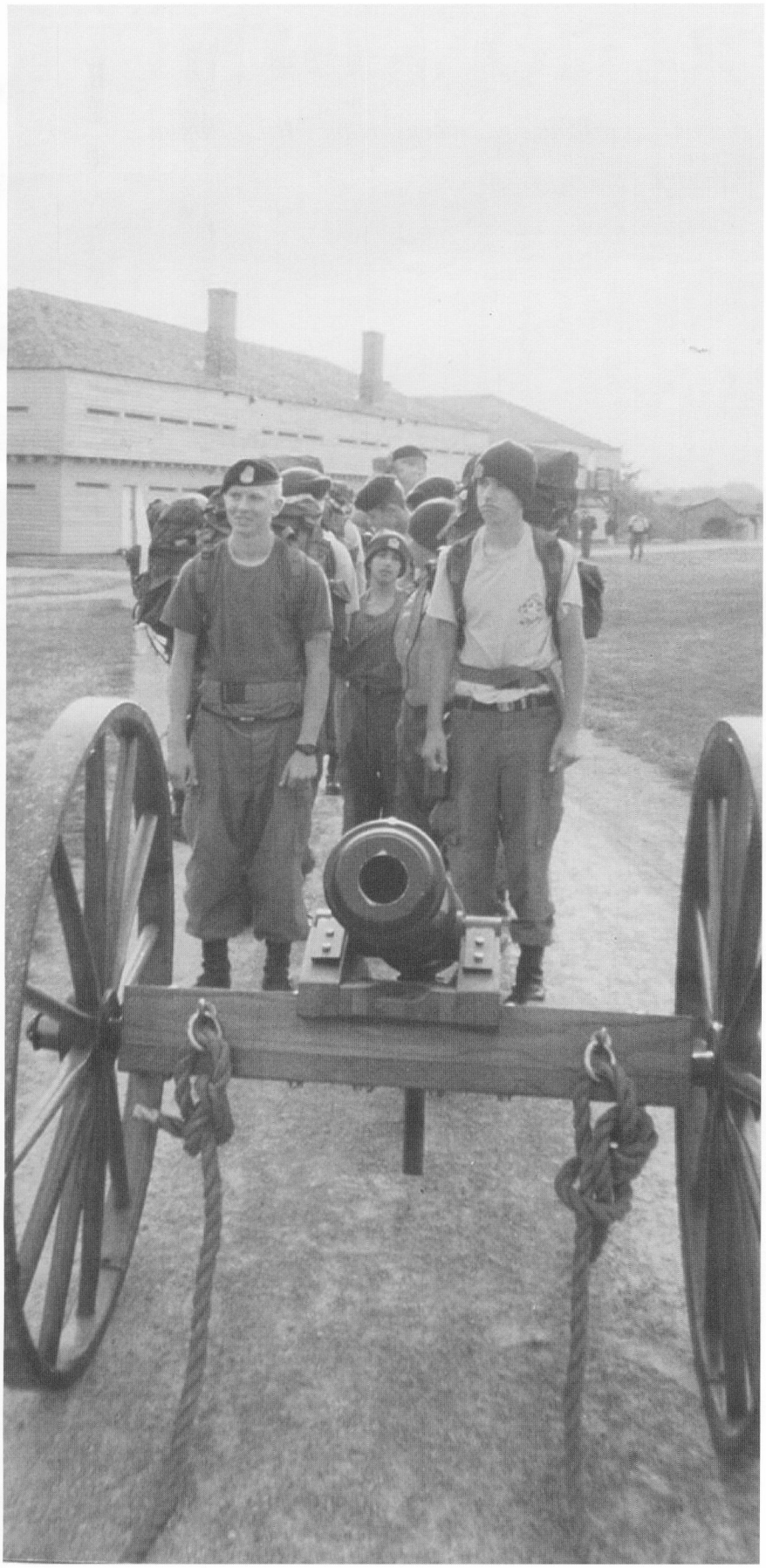


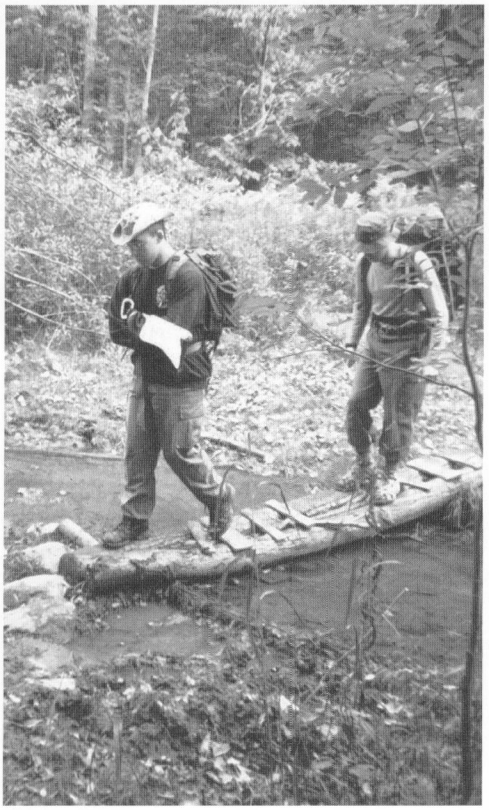
Honourary Colonel S. Ritchie being honoured by the students and staff of the academy.

The band on parade, being lead by the cadet Halpert the first Academy Piper

"HAPPY BIRTIDAY"
LCol. Bowman makes the first cut into the 25 birthday cake.

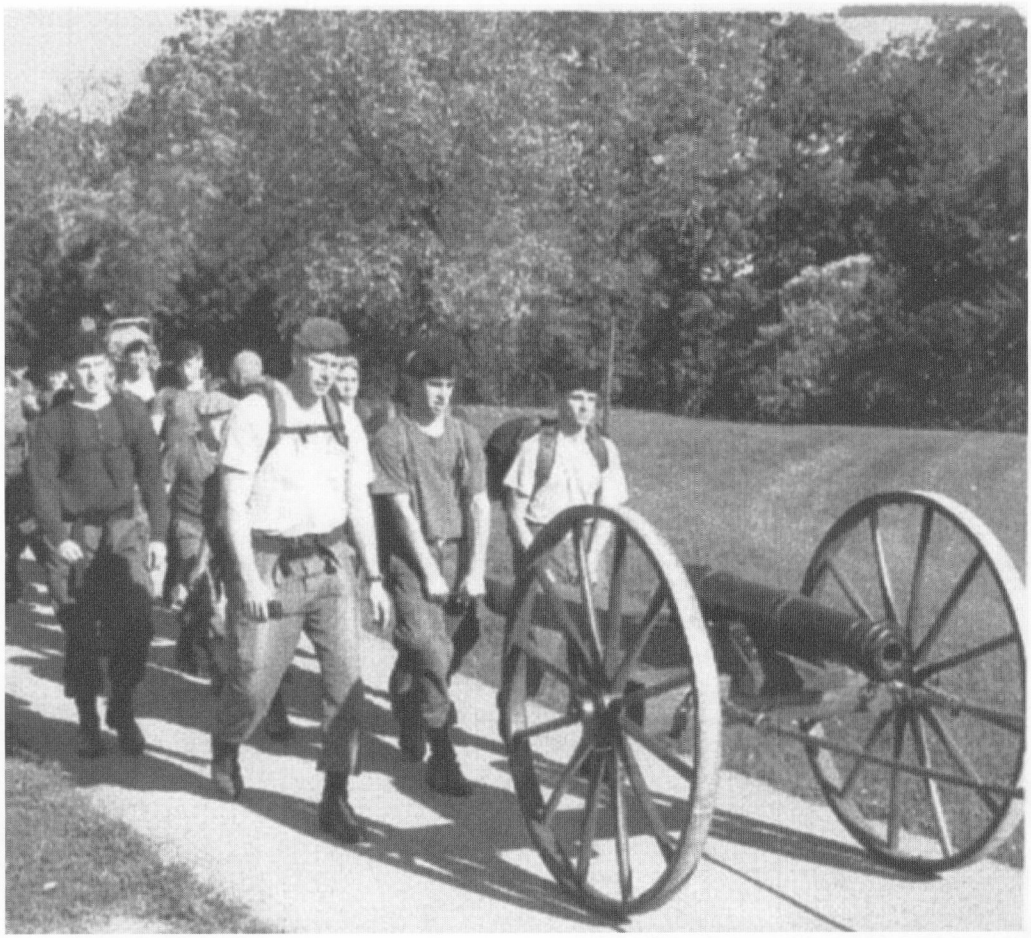






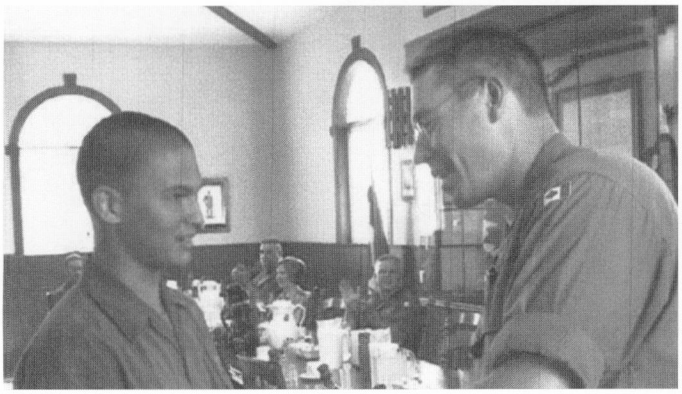
OPERATIONS OFFICER

Daily Operations are overseen by Maj. Gibson



Major Gibson commanding a gun crew on the final day of the Fall Exercise along the route from Fort George to Queenston Heights.

Academy Mascot
"Shadow" has become a true mascot of the Academy and although always accompanies Maj. Gibson, he can be seen playing with the cadets.



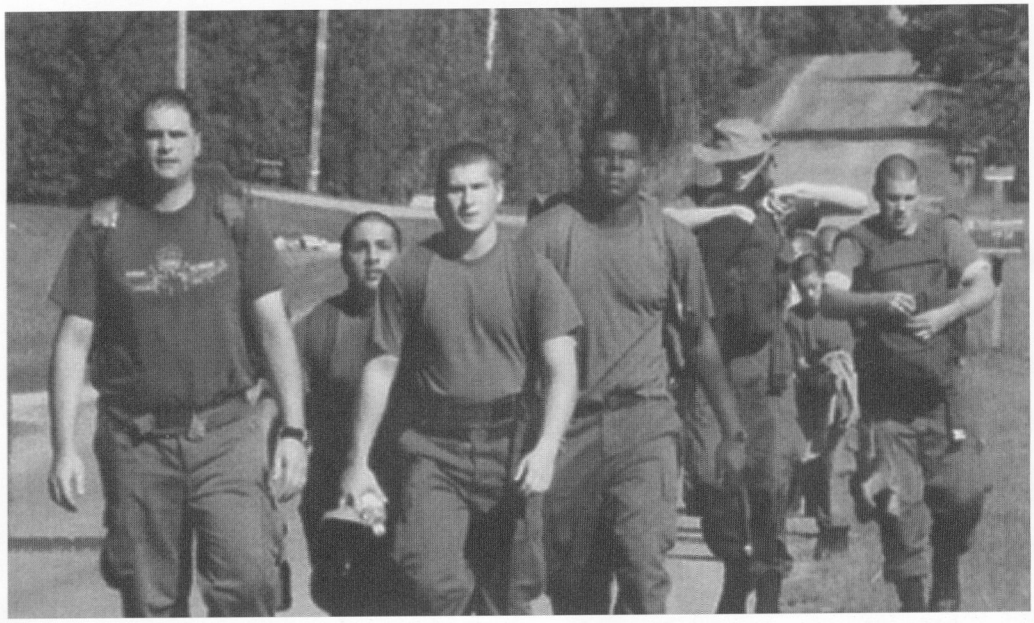
Friday lunches are when awards and promotions are announced. Maj. Gibson presents an achievement award to Cdt. Waton.

The Major and Captain Gibson dressed in Patrol Blues for a function at the Academy.

PROLE

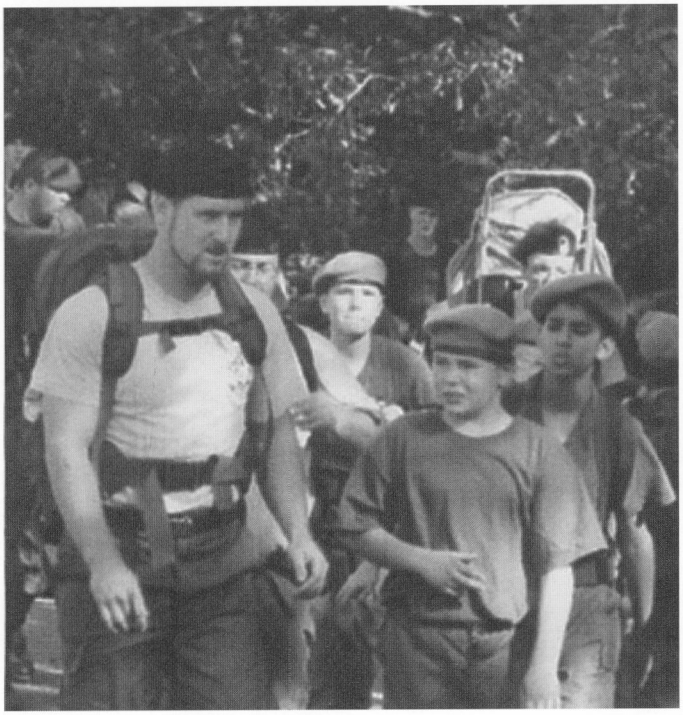
2004 Fall Exercise

Teamwork, Bonding and Leadership

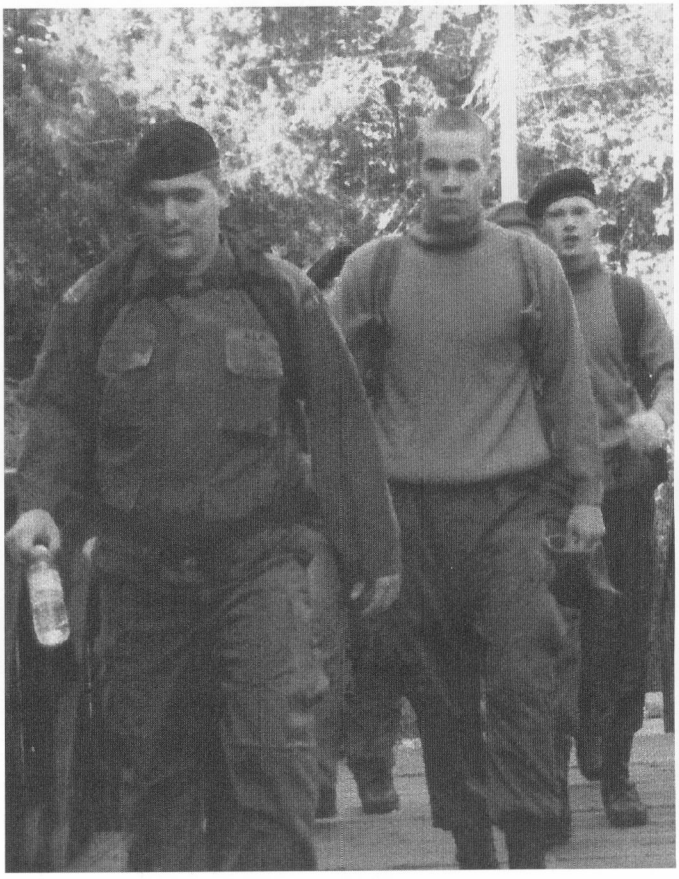


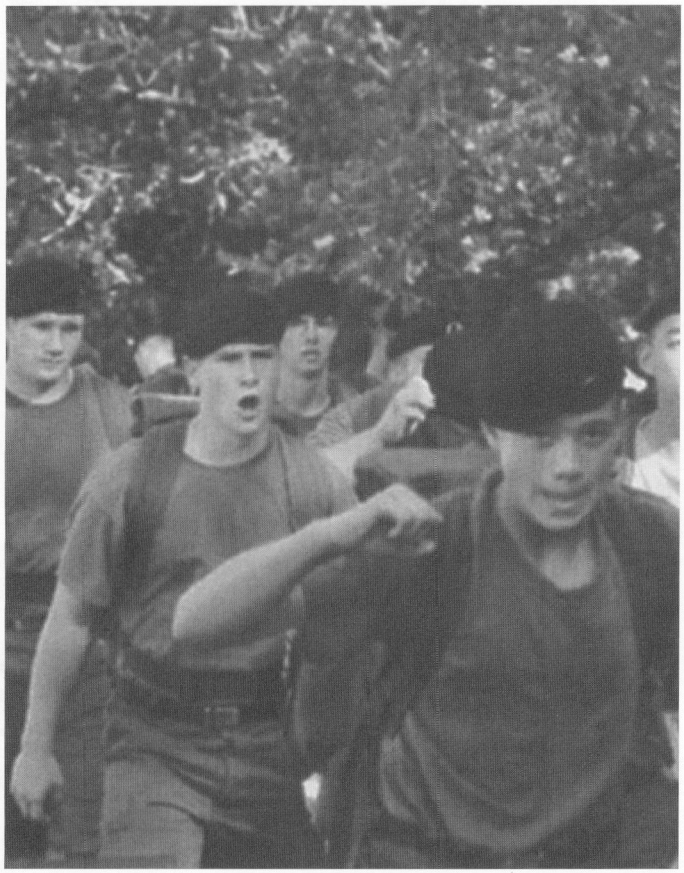
LEADERSHIP
Capt. Milliken and WO. K. Berry leads a section of C Coy students to victory.

TEAMWORK
Cadet Hummer and his pals enjoying a break.



BONDING
2Lt. Whyte motivating his section on the last stretch to Queenston Heights.





"GO FOR IT"
WO Berry calls out to motivate the boys in his section.

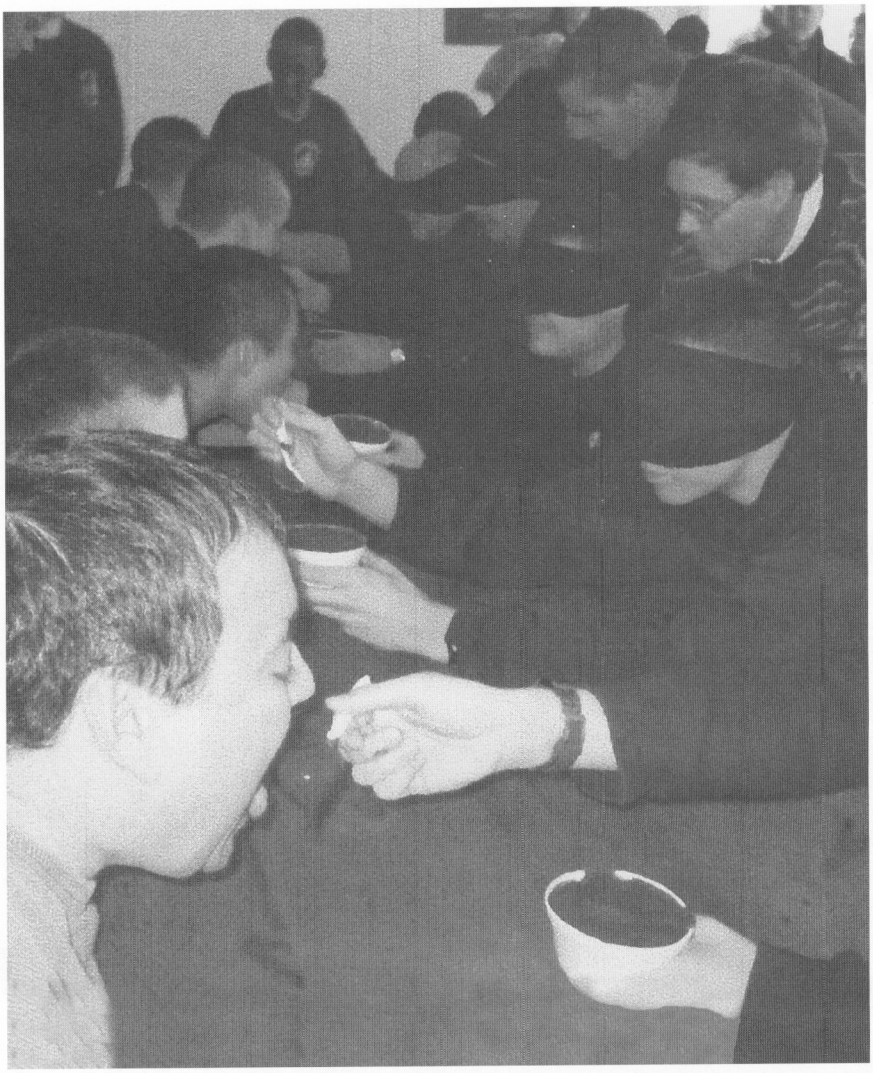
Capt. Doig encourages the few remainders to a successful finish.

At Brock's Monument on Queenston Heights, LCol. Bowman drapes the colours over the drums as part of the ceremony.

The Fall Exercise is the culminating activity of a month's worth of extensive training. Students need to complete approximately 90 kms of hiking/running in three days. While the sections meander along the Niagara Peninsula, they are confronted with many challenging obstacles, which can only be completed successfully as a co-operative team. Leadership from both the senior students and section officer is paramount. The final component of the Fall Ex. is the promotion ceremony at Brock's Monument. For those students who have met all the standards necessary for promotion to cadet, and have maintained a positive attitude throughout the training and exercise, they are rewarded at Queenston Heights.

Pudding eating contests: father or son is blindfolded and he has to feed the other. Years of payback!

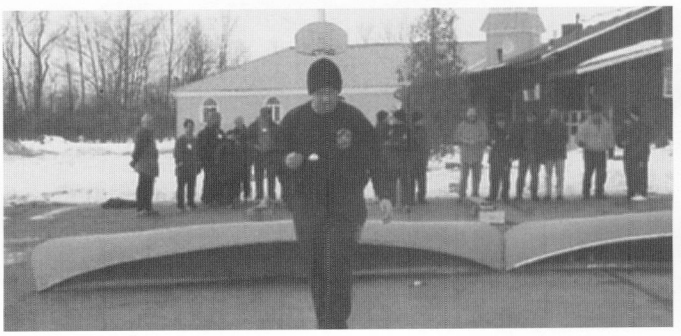
How good is your coordination? Teams need to work together to successful traverse the course on the boards.



FATHERS AND SONS WORKING TOGETHER!

The Mighty Compete

Teams of fathers and sons compete at the Tug-O-War. The weight at the back and the strength in the front, all co-operated to try to bring victory to their side.

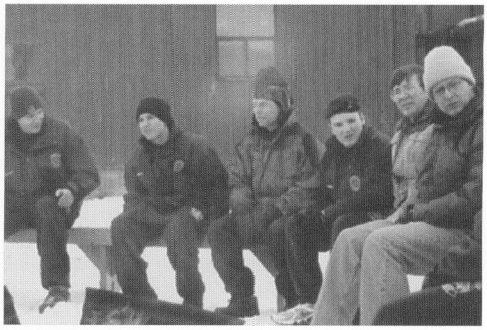


The Egg Run

Individuals representing their teams had to complete the obstacle course in the fast time with an egg on a spoon.

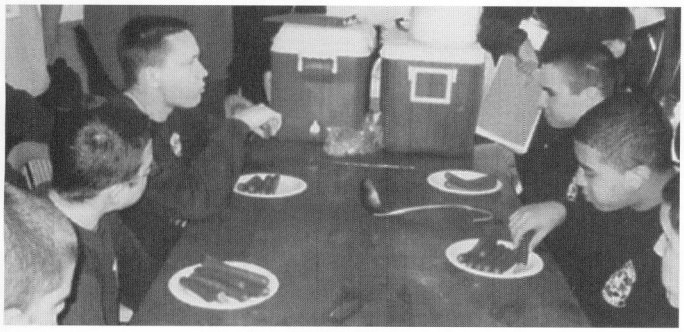
Father Son Day

One day in the year set aside for fathers and son to bond and complete challenges together.



A LITTLE COLD? No problem! The teams could warm themselves by sipping hot chocolate at the campfire. Mmmmmm good!

THE ULTIMATE! Paint ball shootouts at 20 meters. Teams donned heavy coats and masks and turned the fury on each other. Accuracy in aiming for the points.



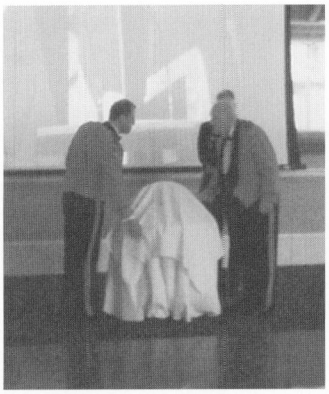
No Thanks I'm Full!

The hot dog eating contest, definitely challenged the appetites of all. Given a plate full of steamy hot dogs, each competitor challenged the others around the table.

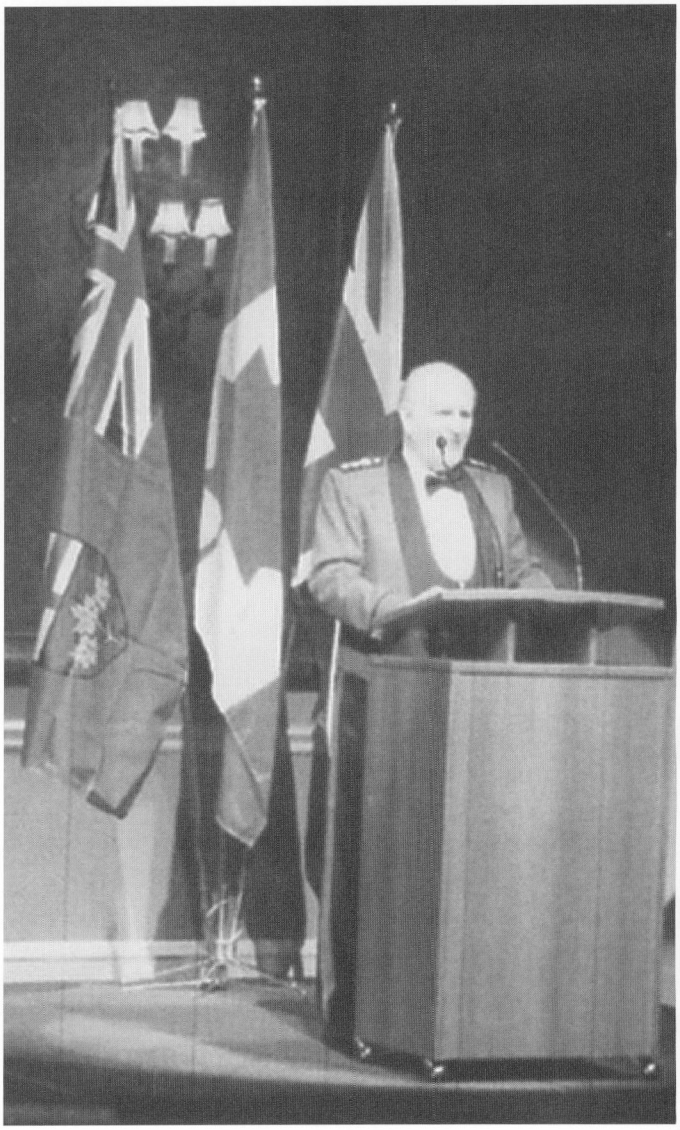
Pull, Push and Ride

How lucky are you for this game. Several had to pull the five man toboggan, one had to push and steer the toboggan, while the lucky ones had to ride.

LCol. Bowman addresses the families, guests and students who have attended the Silver Anniversary Ball in Toronto.



Capt. Spaan, Honourary Colonel Ritchie with LCol. Bowman unveil the silver anniversary plaque.



The Honourary Colonel of Robert Land Academy. Mr. S. Ritchie makes his address to all who attend.

Silver Anniversary

Honour

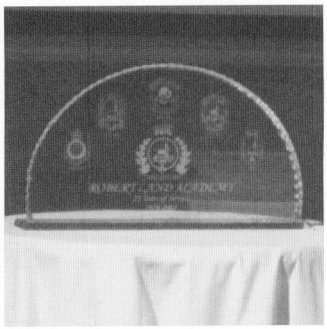
Loyalty

Labour

Courage

Commitment

Robert Land Academy has been educating, mentoring and guiding young men for 25 years. Not always on easy task, but one which is rewarding for all. But for the students, the lessons learned will help guide them for the rest of their lives.



The glass plaque represents the various cap badges that the students over the years have had the honour to wear.

CSM Robinson receives his new cap badge from LCol. Bowman.

Double Barman Fiala was excited to receive his new cap badge.

REBADGING

Ceremony Parade

In the spring of 2004, the Academy rebadged.

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Commitment

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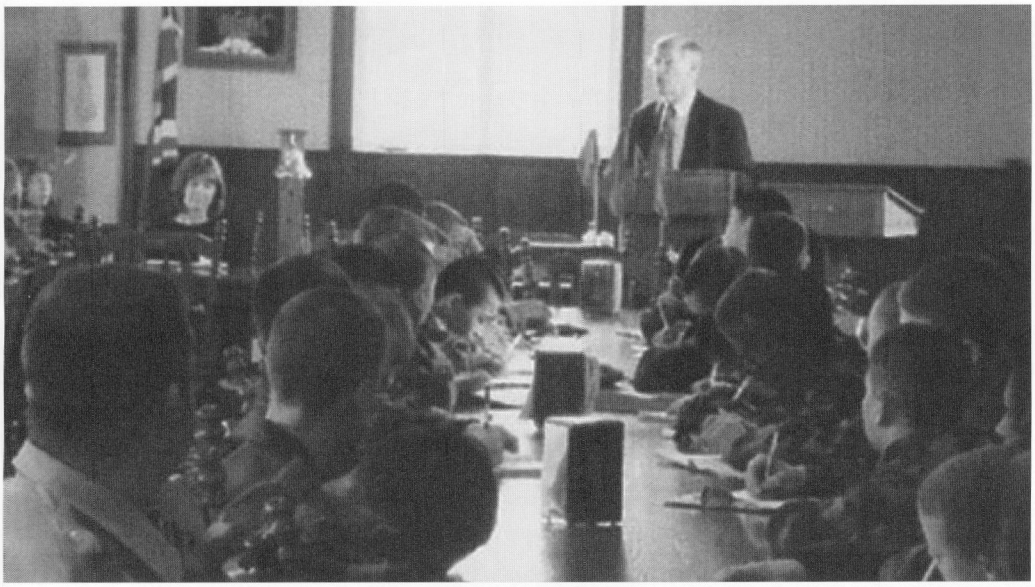
Section by section the Headmaster gave each and every cap badge to the students and staff on parade.

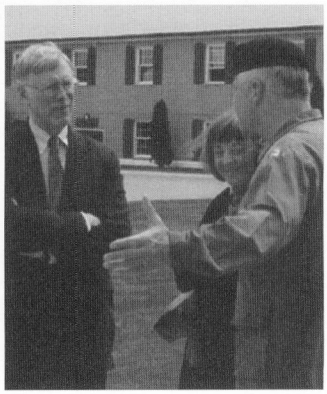
Capt. Campbell and Capt. Bates receiving their new cap badge.

Headboy WO K. Berry makes a presentation to Dr. Sorley. Later in the day, Dr. Sorley spoke to the senior cadets about issues that concern them.

Alexei Mikhailets with his peers greet Dr. Sorley on the parade square.

LCol. Bowman in a conversion with Dr. and Mrs. Sorley in front of the new administration building.





Dr. Sorley addressing the student body in Landholme Hall. The junior company did their best to take notes as Dr. Sorley spoke.

Guest Lecturer

Dr. Sorley a Special Guest Lecturer

Dr. Sorley is a well renowned author whose works have been on historical figures in the United States Military. The students were excited to hear Dr. Sorley speak, as he made references to the mottos of many different military units and how they related to the youth of today. Several senior boys took the opportunity to review some of Dr. Sorley's novels and were prepared to discuss the works and to ask questions in a special one on one forum.

Ritchie Hall (May 29, 2004) dedicated by the cadets of Robert Land Academy.

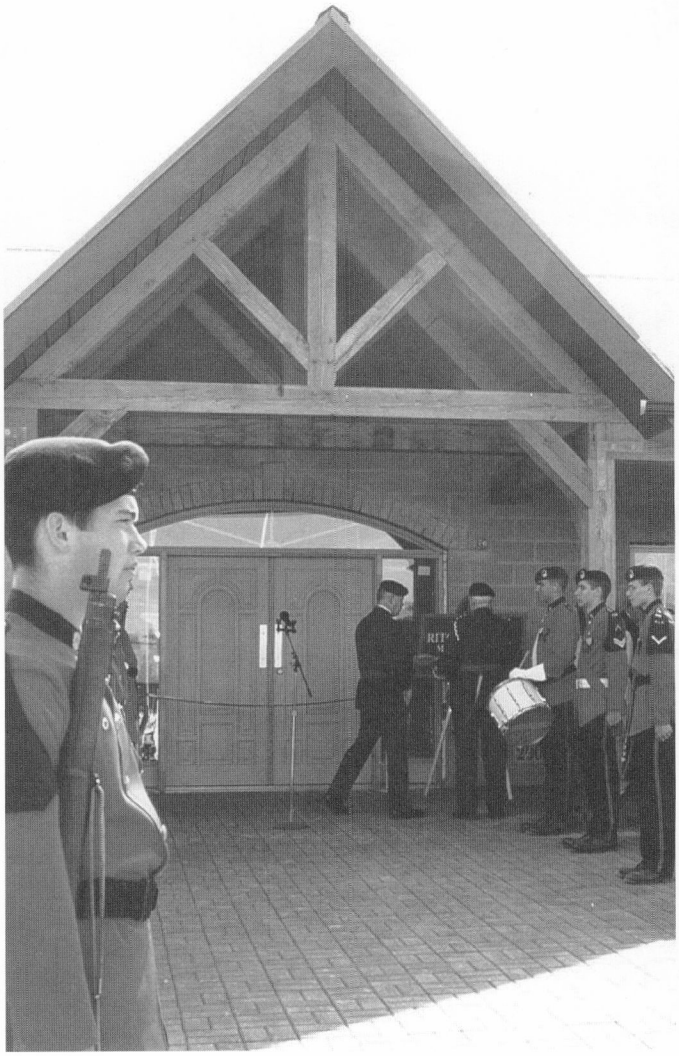
Ritchie Hall

The new administration building is the epicentre of the academy. The north end of Ritchie Hall houses the Headmaster, Logistics, Admissions and Counseling Services. The south end of the building contains The Commandant, Operations and Academics. This building is dedicated to the Honourary Colonel of the Academy, Mr. S. Ritchie, who has been a strong supporter of the boys and academy since the inaugural year.

The Honourary Colonel and Headmaster inspecting the Honour Guard.

Colour Sergeants Bill Park congratulates Mr. Ritchie on the dedication Ritchie Hall.

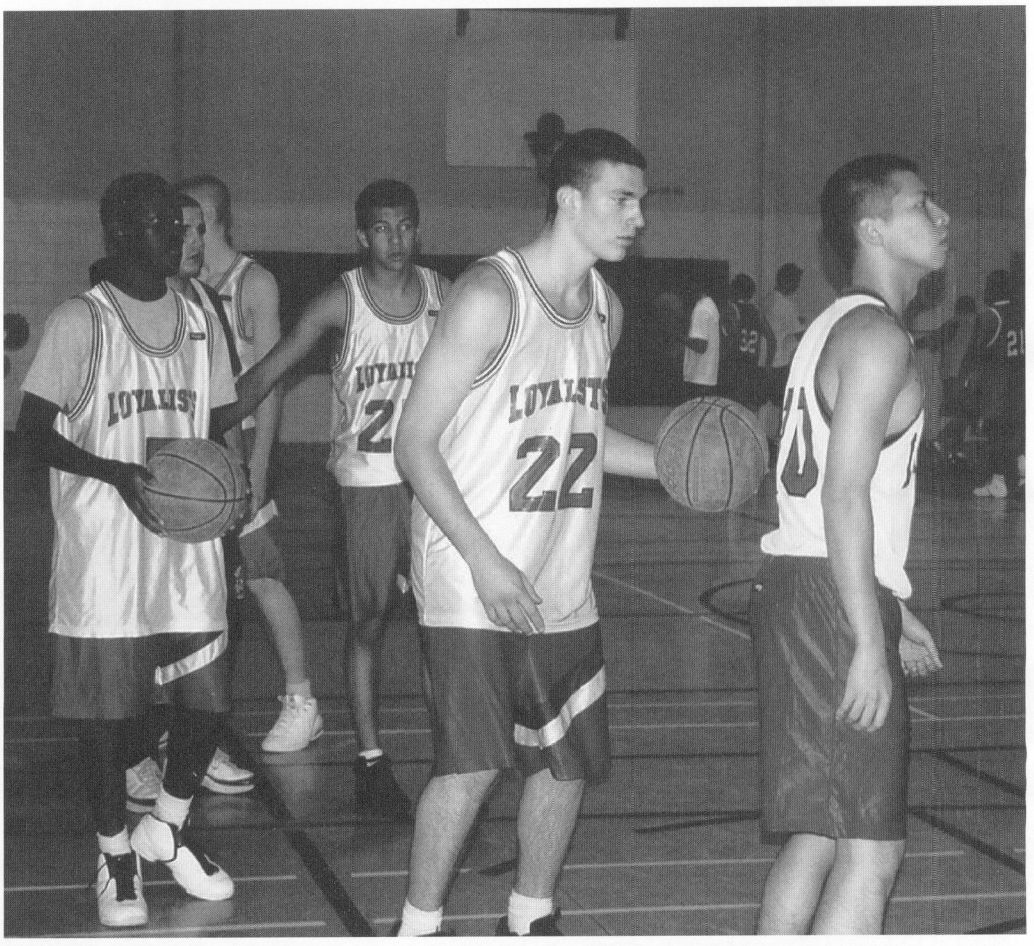
The ribbon cutting ceremony, only to find the main hall filled with family, friends and guests to celebrate the event.



Quantum Physics

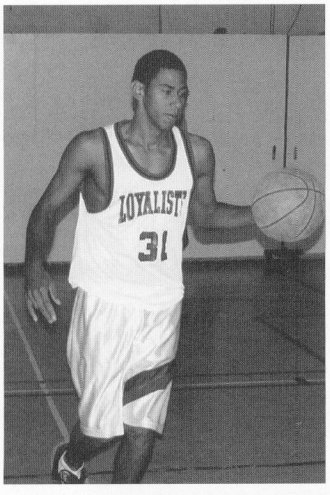
Teamwork and Cooperation at it's best was found on the varsity basketball team

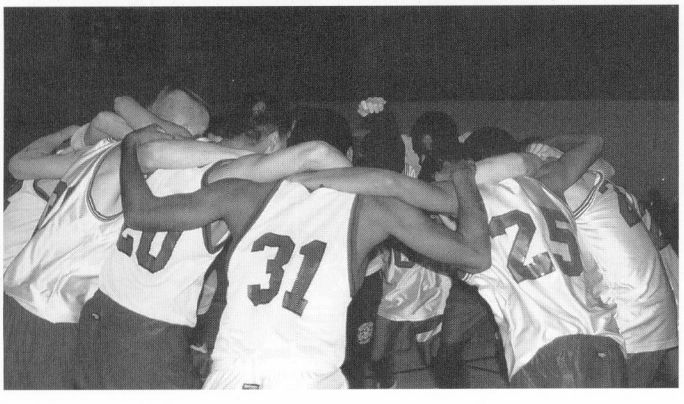
VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM



James Seaward and his teammates warm up prior to a game.

Jason Bolton takes the ball up center court with the support of his teammates.



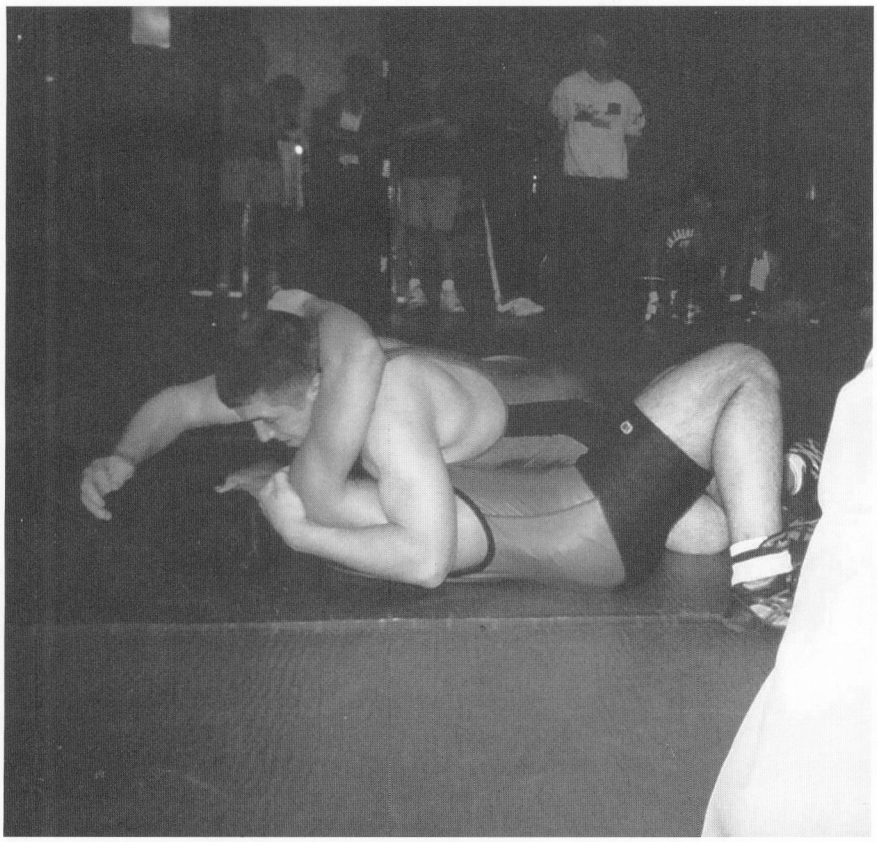


Teamwork!
Izooba Tibagwa's younger brother Nyunyuuzi, often got lost in the center of the group cheer.

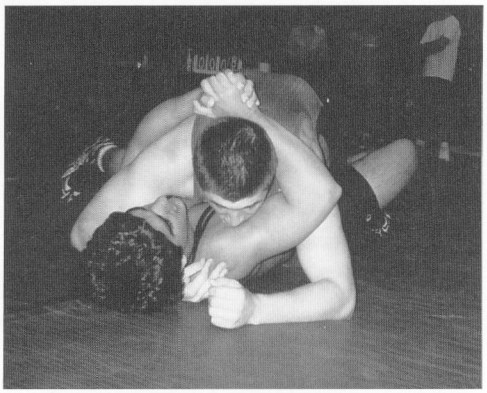
Easy 2 pointer!
Ryan Gal goes up for an easy 2 pointer while warming up for a game.

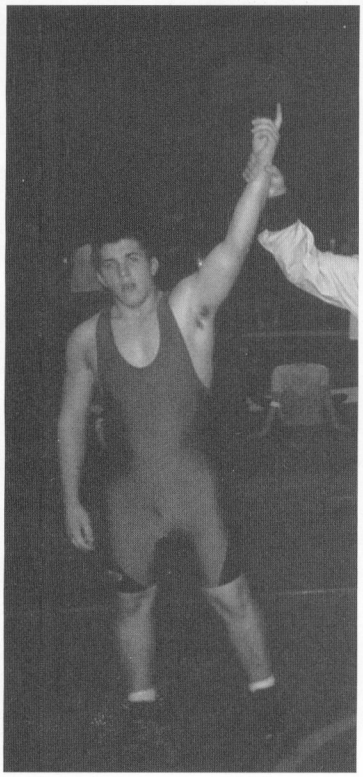
Only the tough need apply!

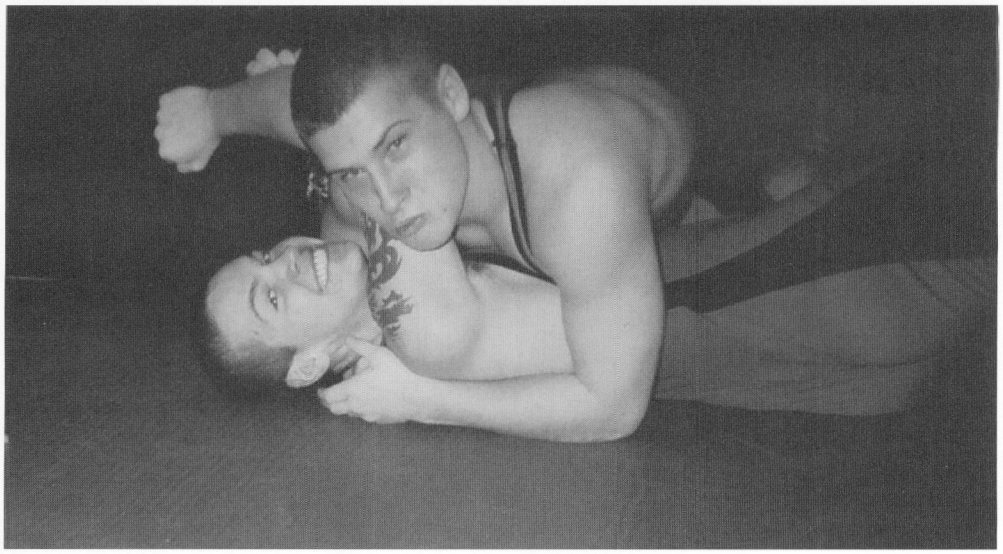
Varsity Wrestling Team



GIVE UP LOSER!
Alexei Mikhailets whispers to his opponent as he maneuvers him to his doom.





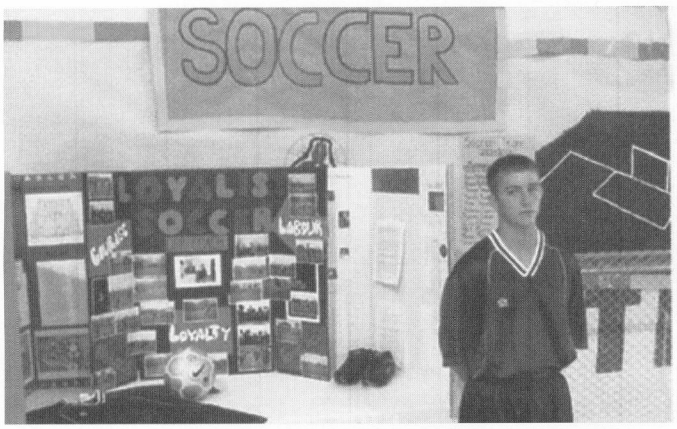


VICTORIOUS AGAIN!
Alexei Mikhailets had a very successful wrestling season. Pity goes to any of his opponents.

TAKE THAT!
Kyle Berry takes his man to the mats.

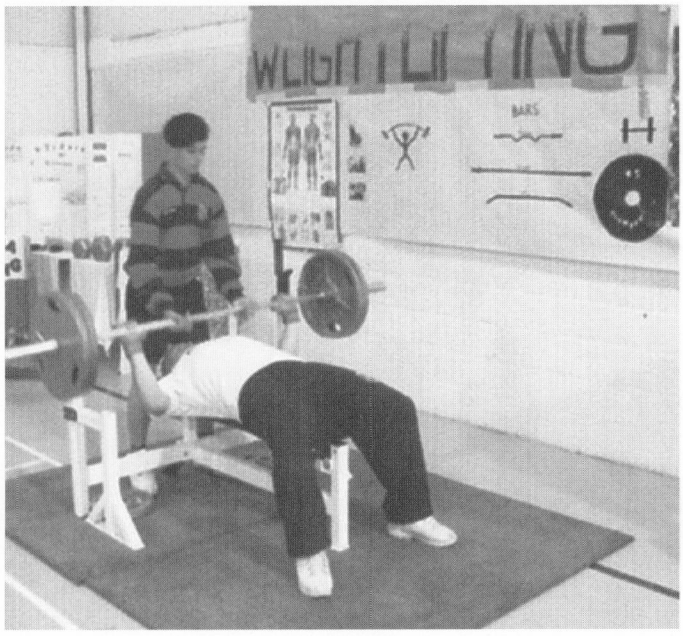
Varsity Soccer

Eric Berchtold presents the efforts of the varsity soccer team for Annual Inspection.



Down Below!

Nick Volpe and his partner man the SCUBA demonstration for Annual Inspection.



The weightlifting club had an excellent year. CSM Bowman and 2Lt. Whyte were two of many staff that made this club outstanding.

Repel Tower Training

All new students at the Academy are introduced to the Repel Tower as their first great personal challenge.

From Above

The 2004 Spring Parachute Course

Final Checks
Students on the parachute course getting a final check from the jumpmaster prior to the gut wrenching climb into the aircraft.

Lt. Giovannini is an experienced parachutist, but not so for Audrey Philippov.

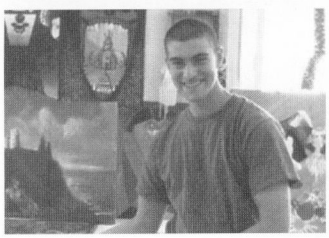
Challenges like this will make the man! Challenges in the future will not seem so large or unconquerable.

It's Time!
Audrey Philippov climbs into the aircraft that will eventually bring him to the place where he will challenge himself like never before.

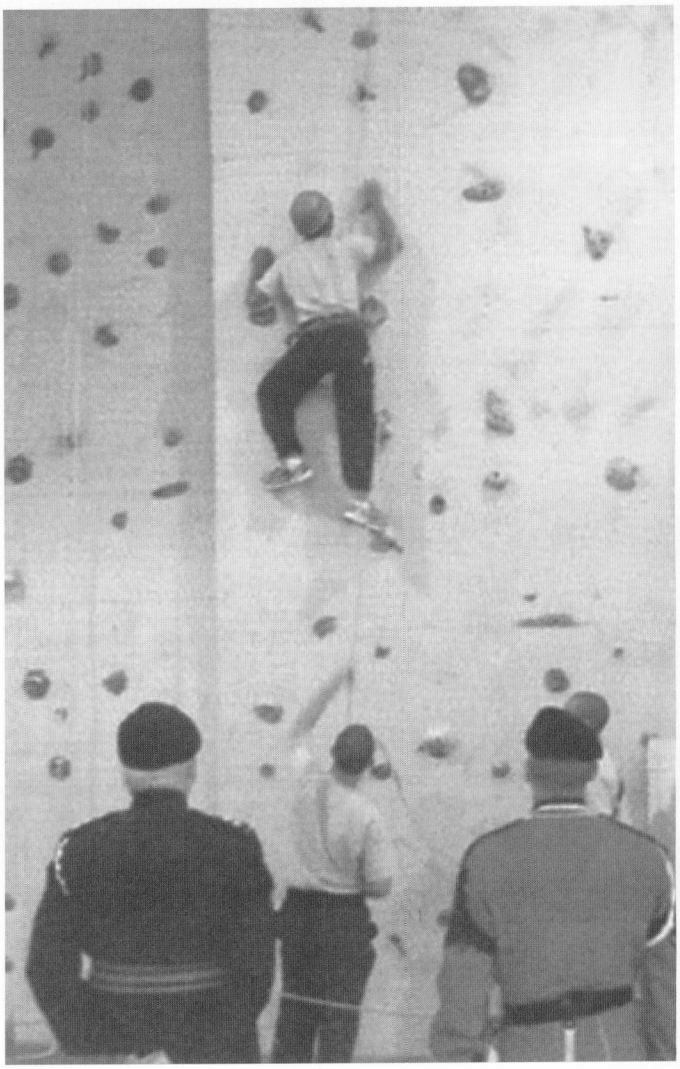
Demonstration
Bryan Tran demonstrates some of the parachuting techniques that he learned for Annual Inspection.

MARTIAL ARTS
Kendo was only one form of the martial arts that was studied at the Academy on those early Sunday mornings.

ROCKETS
On Annual Inspection, the rocket club gave an excellent display of their craft.



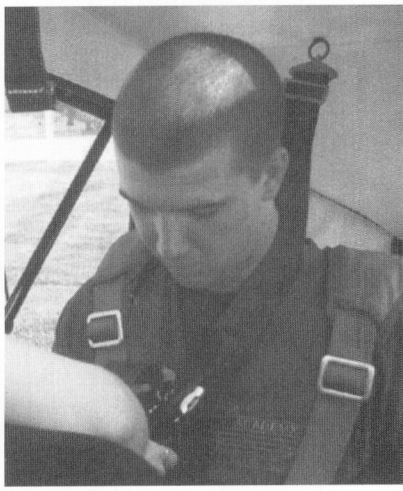
FINE ARTS
Ted Nisker presenting some of the fine art that was created by himself and his peers. It sure beats math and english!

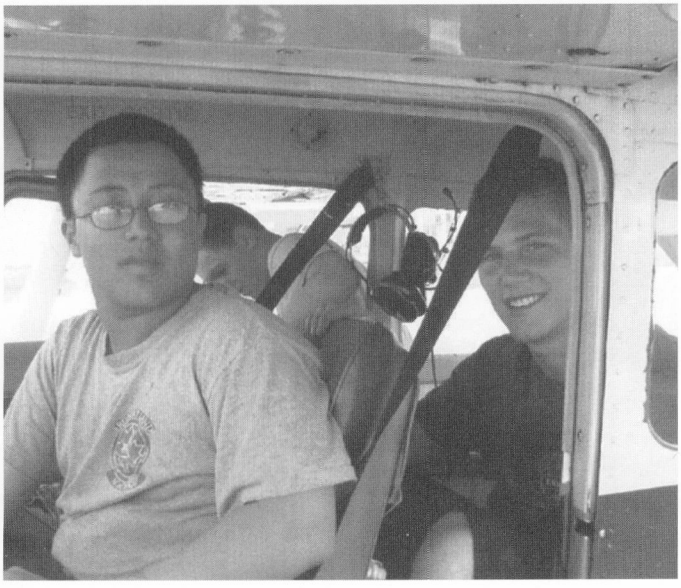


CLIMBING CLUB
The climbing club demonstrating their techniques at climbing to Honourary Colonel S. Ritchie.

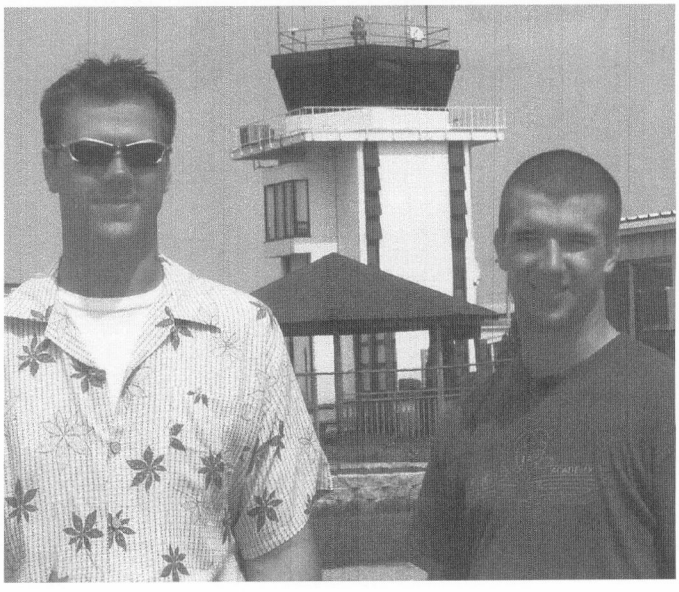
FLYING CLUB
St. Catharine's Airport was the site of all flight training.

BUCKLING UP!
Jonathan Farncomb gets a lesson on how to buckle up in a small aircraft.





SET TO GO!
Philip Poon and Brendan Donevan sitting in an aircraft set to go.



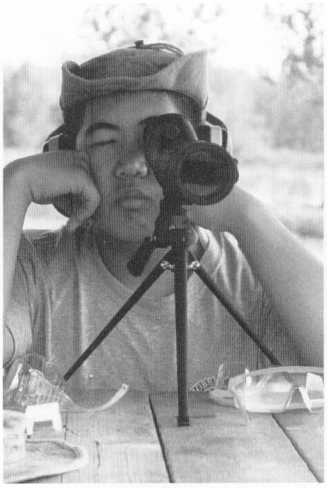
SUNNY DAYS
Lt. McKeller and Farncomb enjoying the great weather. How can you tell?

Skills development through the Royal Canadian Army Cadet Marksmanship Program.

SHOOTING CLUB

Shooting Positions
Kneeling, prone and standing are the three shooting positions, which all shooters will practice, the marksmanship principles.

Where did it GO!
Barman Lam observes the shooting pattern of a shooter with the use of the clubs shooting scope.

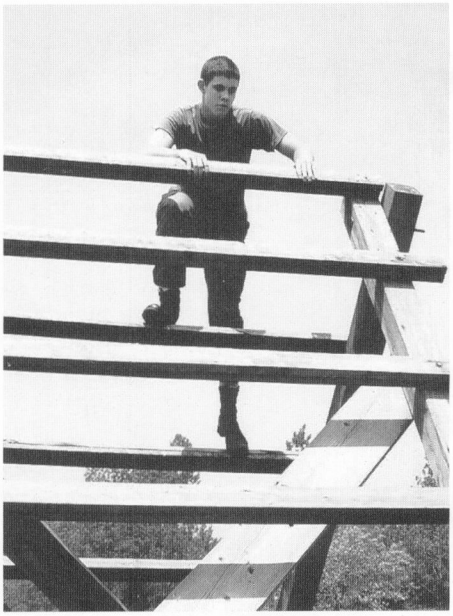


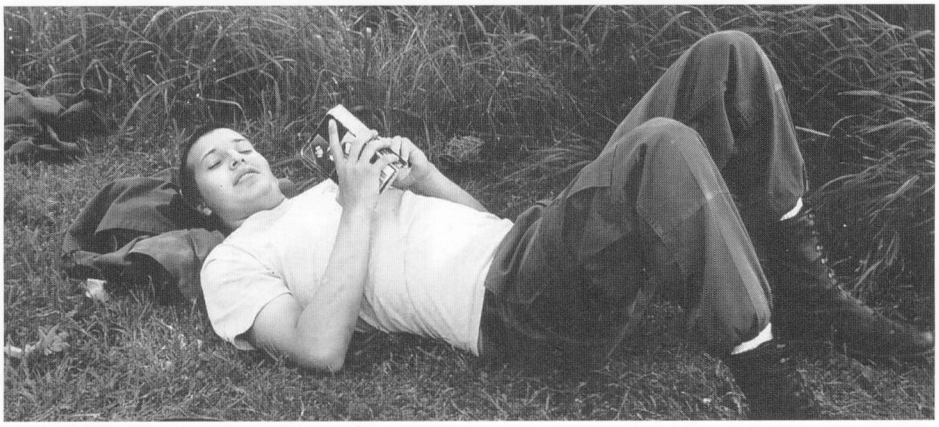
22. Cal Practice
On the range with the 22. Cal rifles practicing the finer points of the prone position.

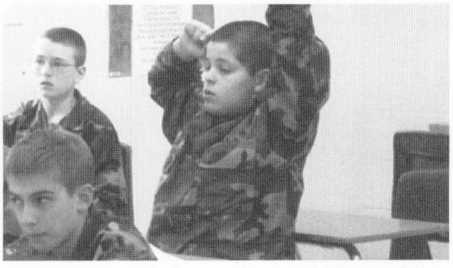
So . . . How'd I do?
Double Barman Fiala and Barman Olsen at the target stands changing the target sheets. Analyzing the sheets after the practice, helped the shooter to understand his strengths and weaknesses.

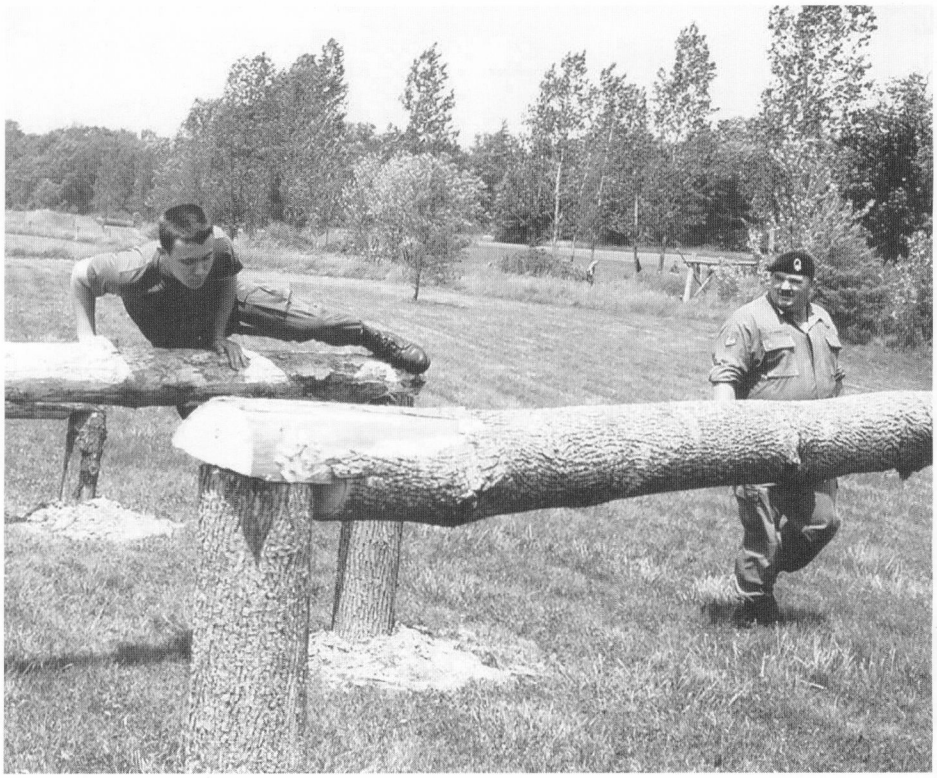
Student Life

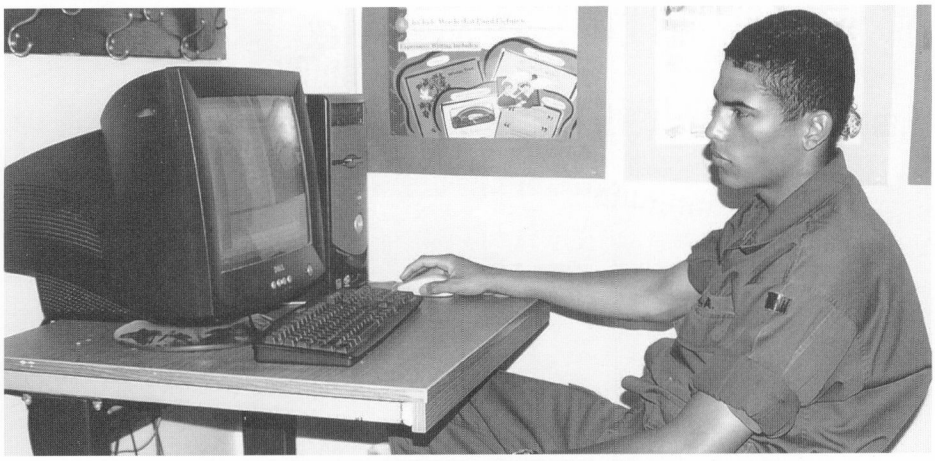
Everyday Activities and Challenges!

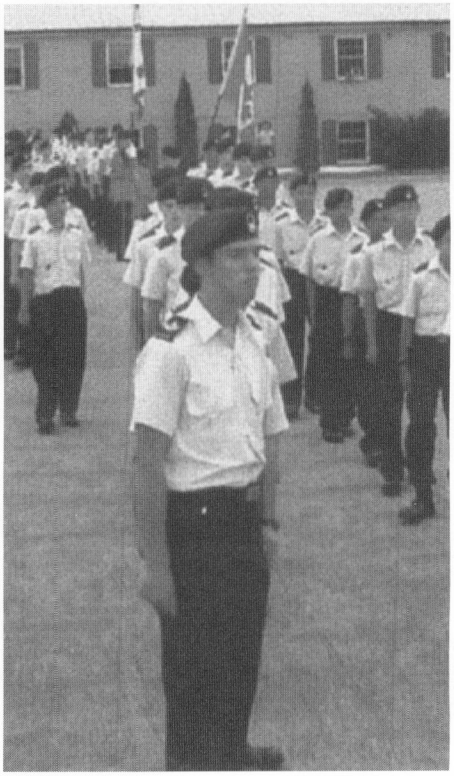












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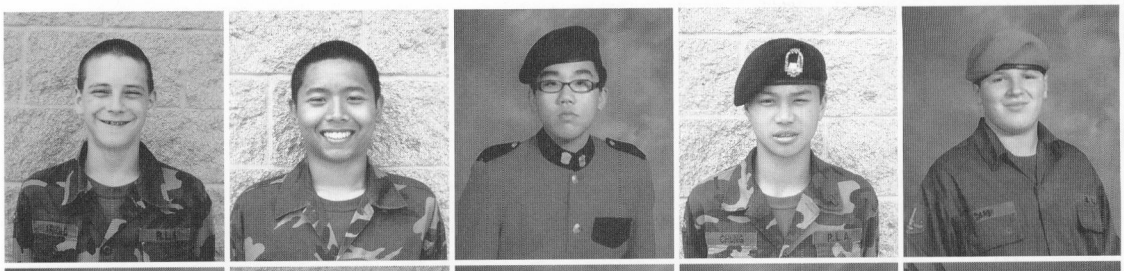
Corey Cheung
Kei Chung
Graham Darby



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Cliff Dyck
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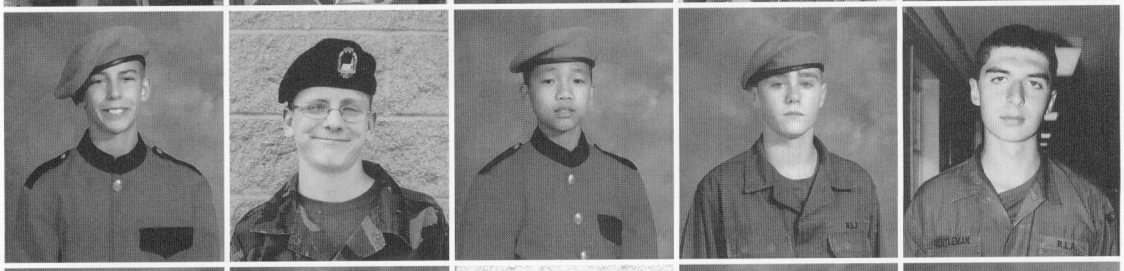

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Mark Holmes
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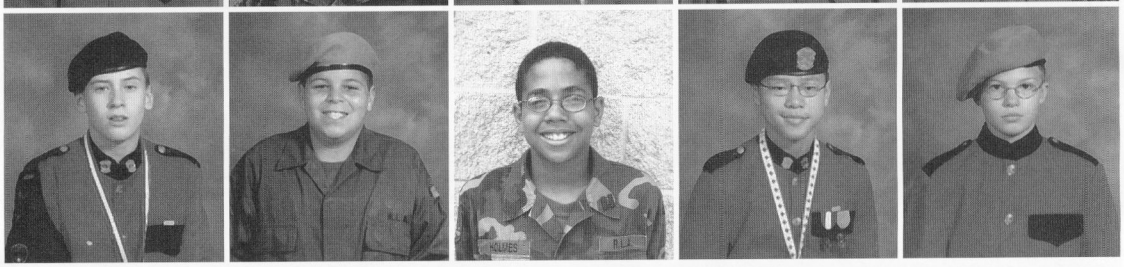
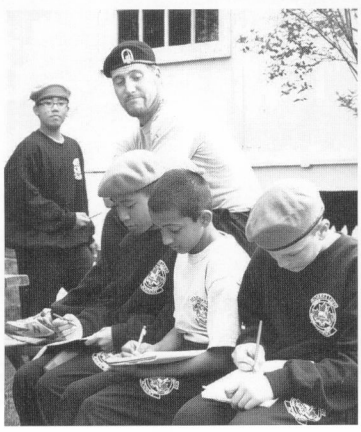
Devin Hummer



Grade 6, 7 & 8

2Lt. Whyte, Capt Erola and Cadet McPherson observing the cliffs at Ball's Fall Conservation Area.

After the tour, 2Lt Whyte watches over Cadets Li, Samdani and Relyea writing notes in their trip journals.



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Hu-Yan Leung
Philip Li
Alexander Lord-Jones

Igor Matsievski
Benjamin McMahon
Devon McNeil
Mackenzie McPherson
Ellis Plener

Tyler Relyea
Zohaib Samdani
Nyunyuuzi Tibagwa
Patrick Yan

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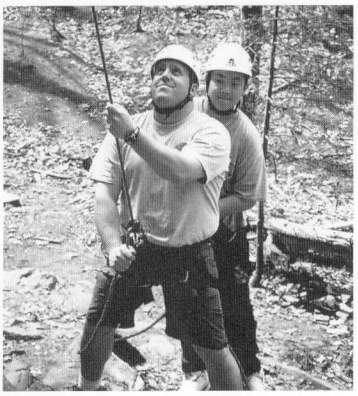
A Coy gathered around the canon at the Redan Battery after exploring the events of the Battle of Queenston Heights.



2Lt Unrau supports his students as they rock climb in Halibuton. Cadet Yan is assisting.

Grade Nine

Alex Bates
Eric Berchtold
Jason Bergatt
Logan Cameron
Reese Capozzi

Jaquan Casserly
Andrew Davison
Ryan Denham
Devon DesRuisseaux
Ilya Dolgopolov

J.D. Doughty
Jacob Duerksen
Geoffrey Egginton
Andrew Golding
Bryan Kelly

Karl Latendorf
John Locke
Keefer Marr
Phillip Morris
Alexander Moss

Alexander Murphy
Alexandre Sheppard
Daniel Shmukler
Dorjee Shrestha
Andrew Solomon

Franklin Sykora
Nathan Vanderburgh
Kyle Vincer
Nick Volpe
Jeffrey Worthington

Wilson Wu

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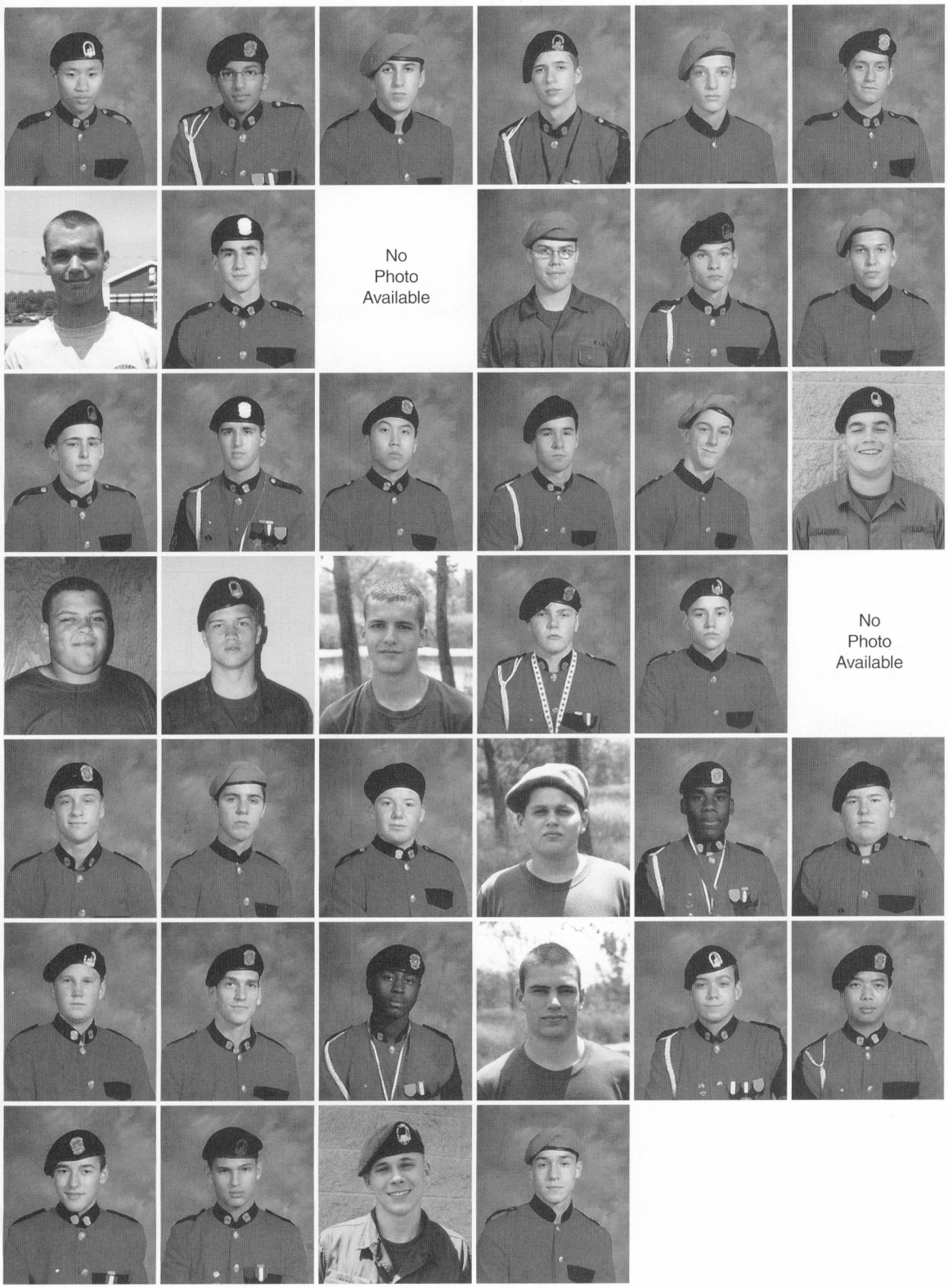

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Ahmed Al Braiki
David Biskey
Daniel Culjak
Mark Diosy
Nathaniel Dreksler

Stephen Durrett
Christopher Eastwood-Miles
Adam Eddy
Steven Fancy
Adrian Fournier
Justin Fromme

Anthony Gaspirc
Eric Glime
Ivan Ho
Michael Hull
Jeffrey Hunwicks
Christopher Klaassen

Gregory Leitch
Christopher Lenk
Julian Matos
Jonathan McLennan
Joseph Michaud
Alex Montgomery

Ryan Moon
Brent Moore
Zachary Pace
James Pihura
Christopher Robinson
Julian Rose

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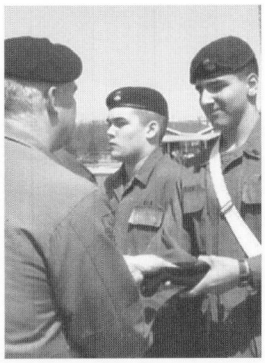

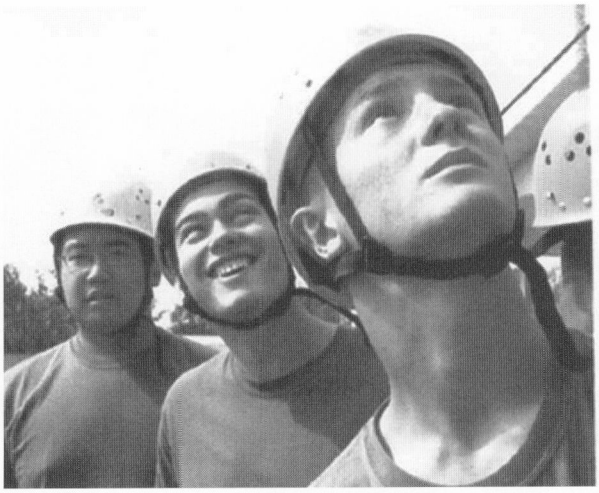

B Coy Students at the Repel Tower

Barman Olsen receives the new cap badge.

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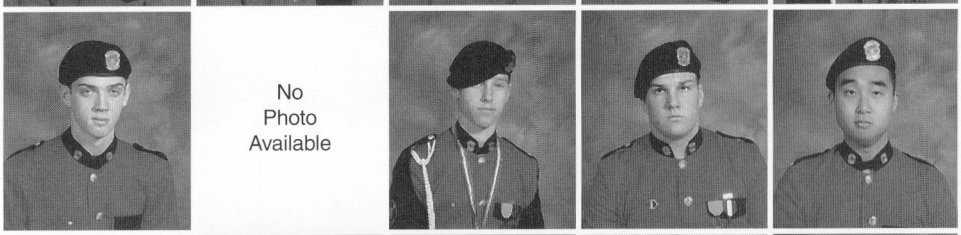
Phuoc Binh Dang
Shawn Davis
Ian Edington
Andrew Fiala

Ryan Gal
Richard Ge
Adam Goldman
Stewart Hopkins
Taehan Kim



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Oliver Lam
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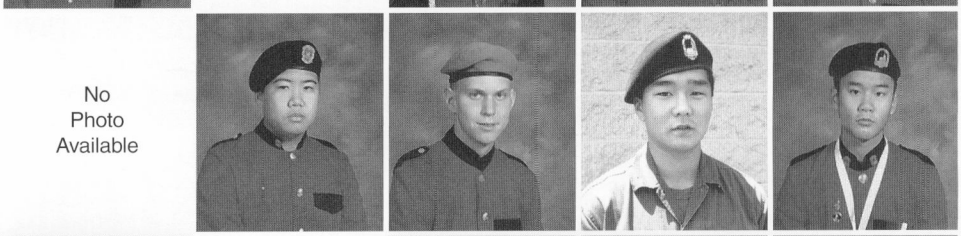
Sung Chan Lee
Halley Louie



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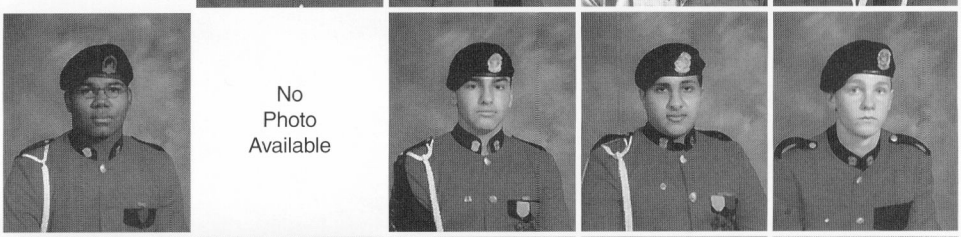
Naser Omar
Daniel Parenteau



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Bryce Rotheroe
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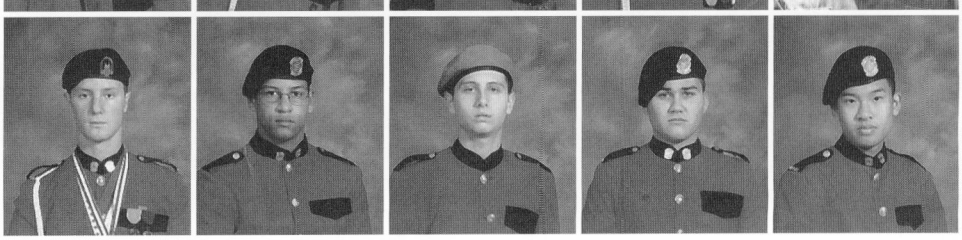
Leigh Thomas
Michael Wittich
John Wu



Grade Twelve

Colour Party ready for Honour Parade.

Capt Gibson and her students on Annual Inspection.

Murbarak Al Braik
Thomas Baranyai
Robert Bennett
Kyle Berry
Jason Bolton

Jeremy Browning
Brendan Donevan
Jonathan Farncomb
Farid Farrage
Ryan French

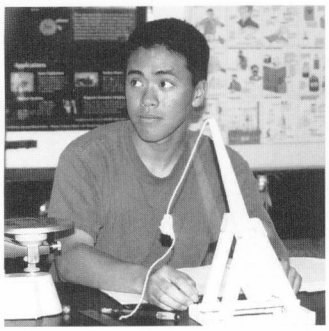
Sean Hobson
Pierre-Andre Jean
Chris Karlos
Brian Korthof
Brian Lee

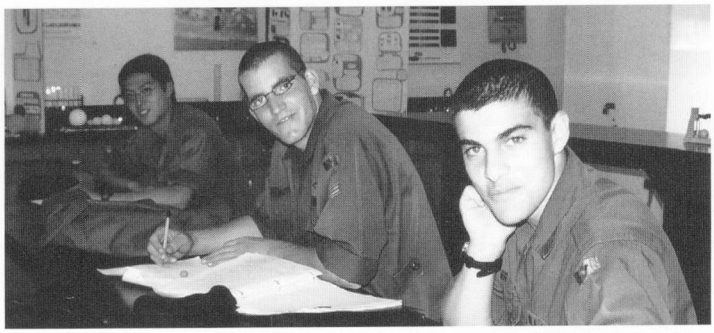
Stinson Lin
Michael Matheison
Jason McLarty
Alexei Mikhailets
Paul Morris

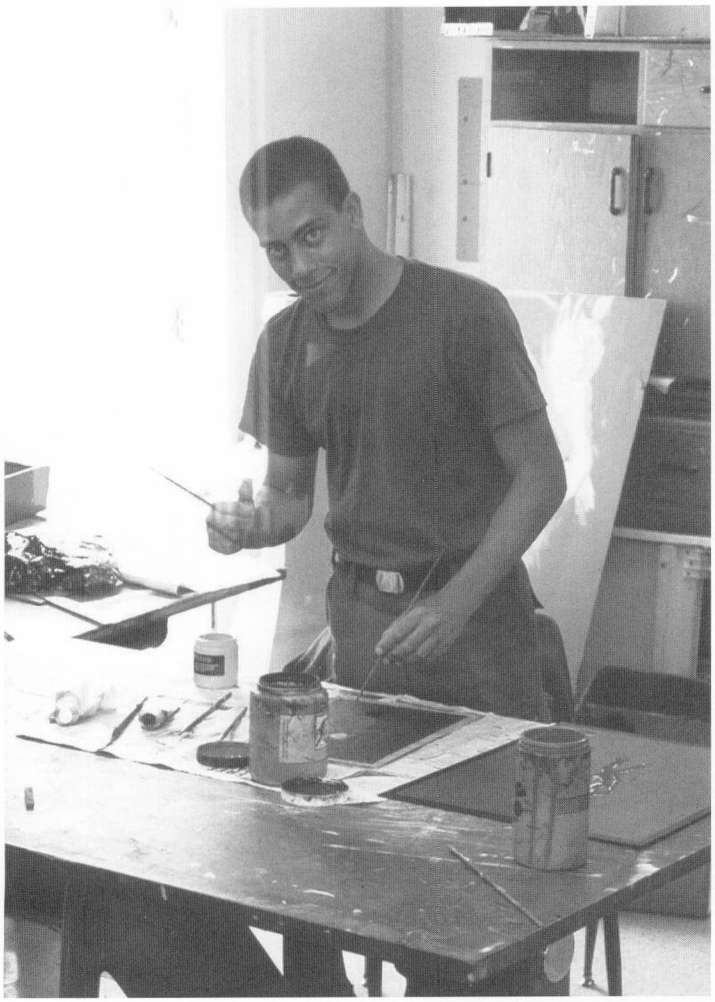
Ted Nisker
Adam Nugent
Michael Nuttall
Ryan Ord
Izooba Tibagwa

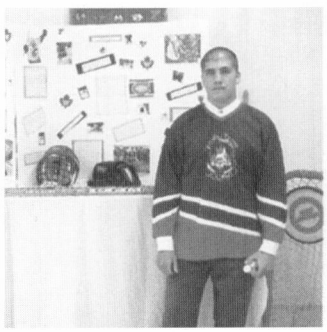
Bryan Tran
Morgan Tufts
Mathew Whyte
Victor Wong

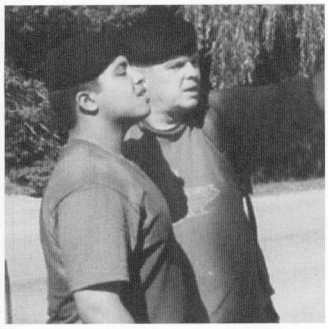
Actives lives of the Senior Students!

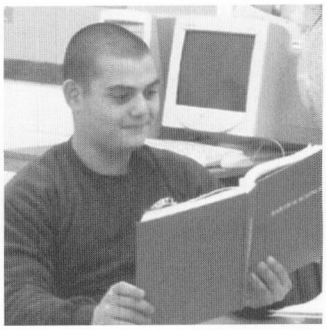


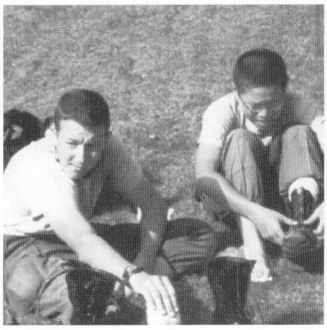


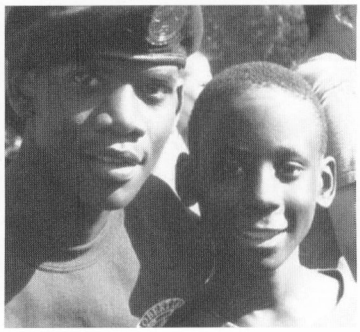












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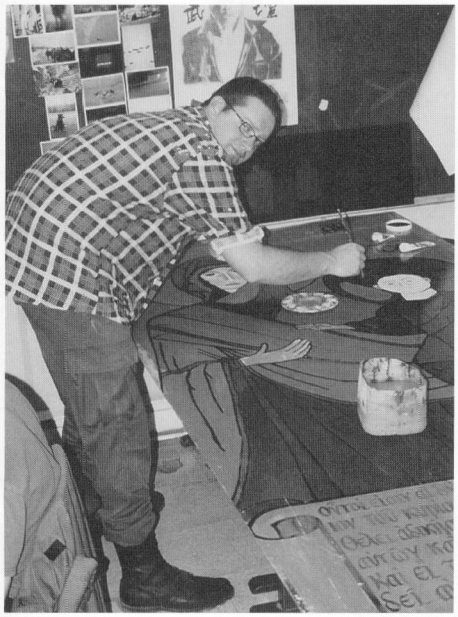

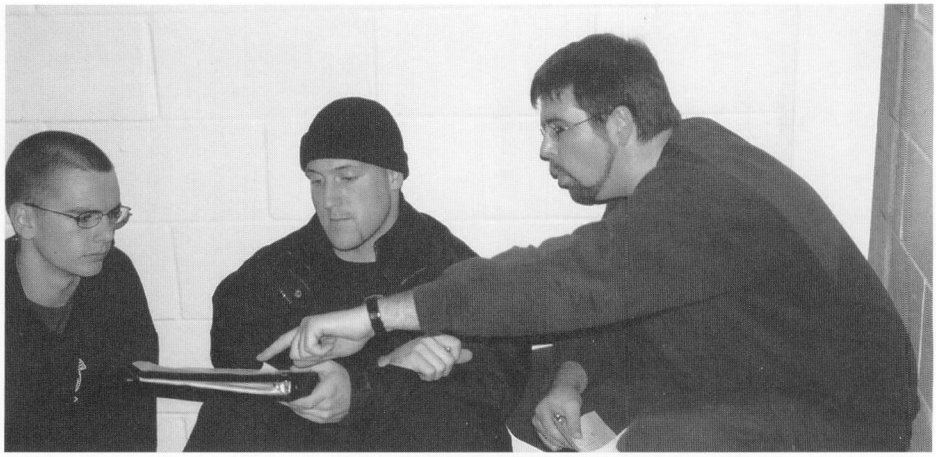

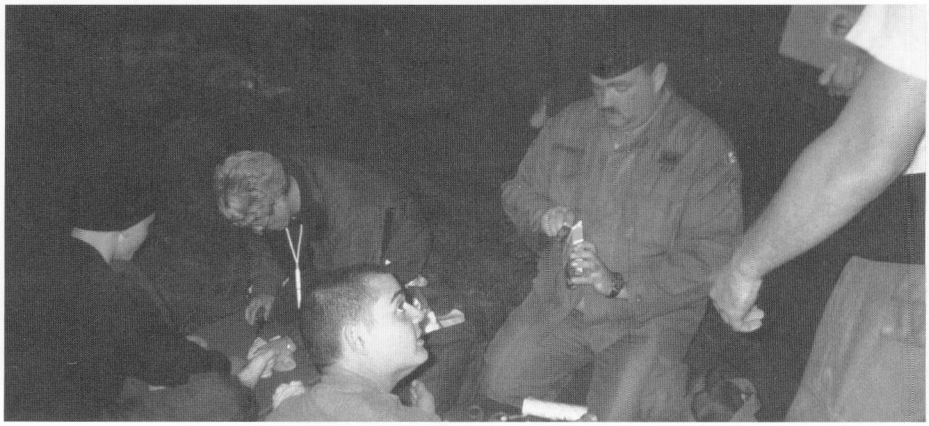

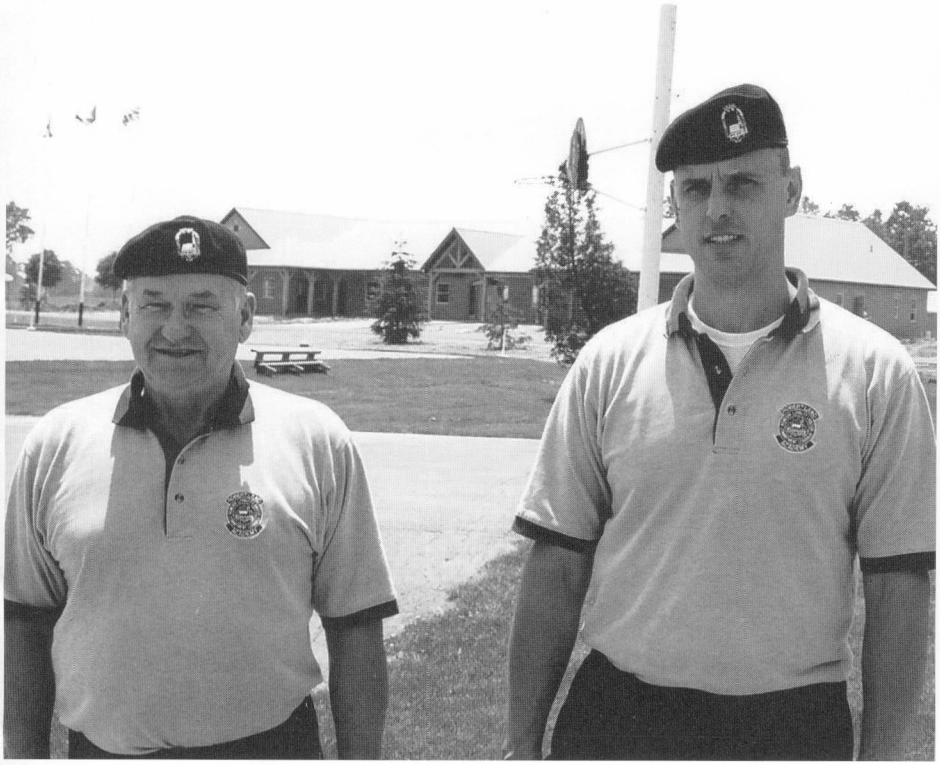

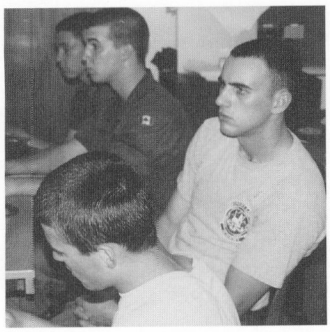

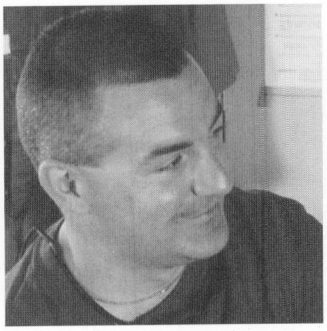

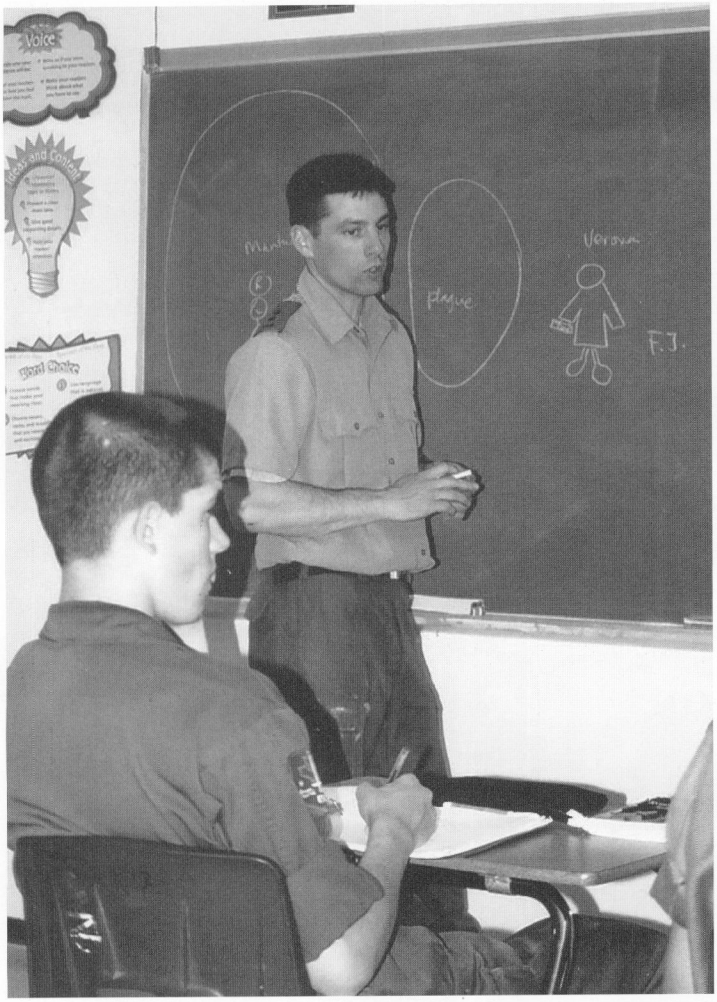
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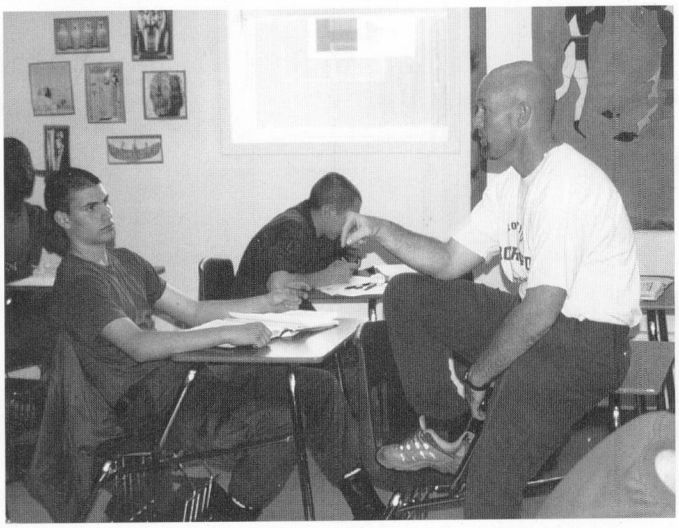

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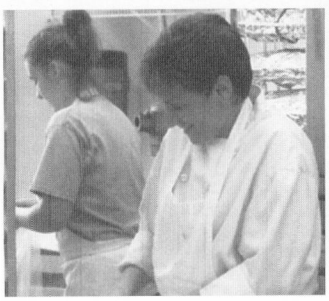

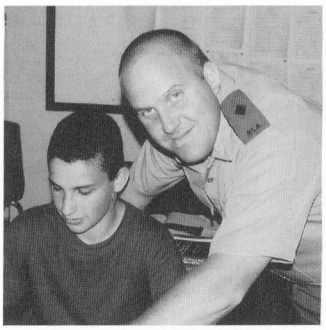

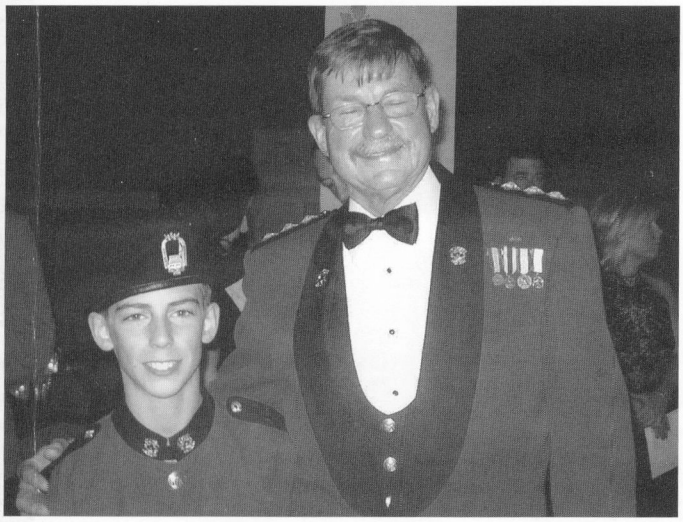

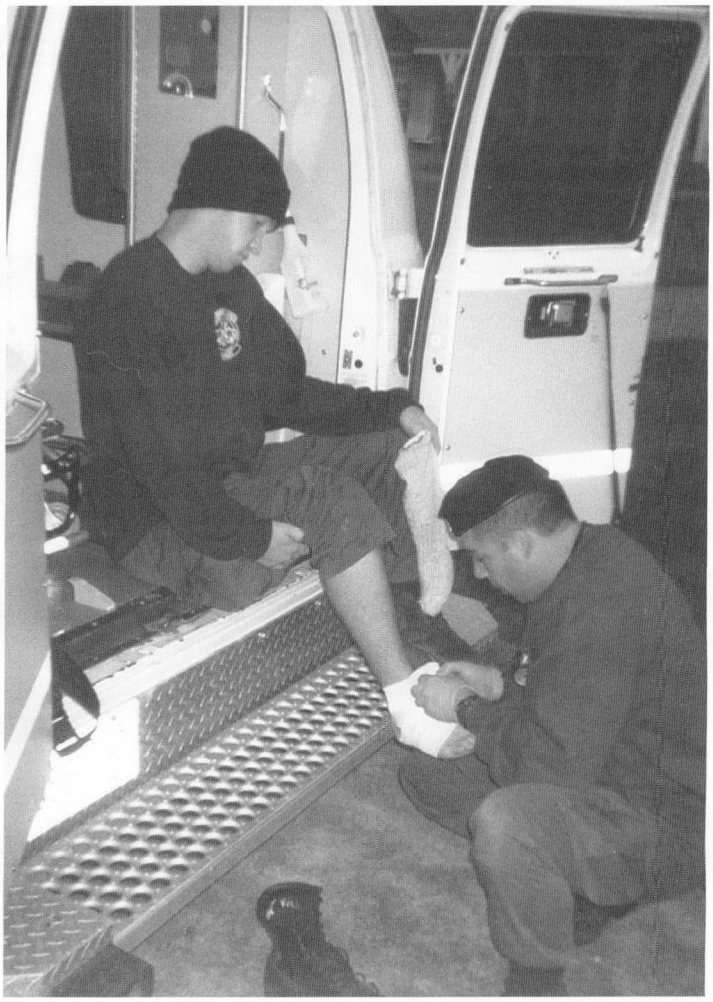

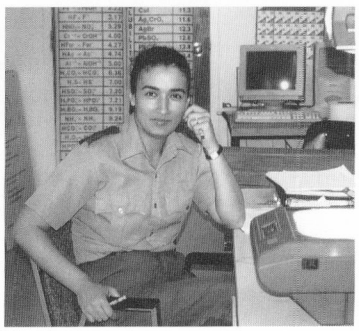

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